

TRUE or FALSE?

Media Literacy in 60 Minutes

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Learn to verify information before you share / Online Workshop

THE GOLDEN RULE

**"If you can't find THREE sources,
don't share."**

This ONE rule stops misinformation.

Three Types of Sources



OFFICIAL

Government • Institutions



CREDIBLE

News outlets • Journalists



INDEPENDENT

Unbiased • Journalists

Case Study: Jonathan the Tortoise

VIRAL: "Jonathan the tortoise (190 years) has died. Rest in peace, legend. "

Why it seemed believable:

- Jonathan IS real & famous
- The emotion ('Rest in peace') triggers sadness
- People share without checking

VERDICT: **FALSE** — Jonathan is **ALIVE**

How We Verified It

OFFICIAL

St Helena Government confirmed: *Jonathan is alive*

CREDIBLE

BBC & Reuters fact-checked: FALSE

INDEPENDENT

Guinness World Records: Verified alive

Red Flags: When to PAUSE & Verify



Story makes you emotional (sad, angry, shocked)



Sensational language ("SHOCKING!" "YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS!")



Vague sources ('sources say,' no proof)



Urgency ('Share before removed!')



Conspiracy language ('They don't want you to know')

When you see these: STOP. Find 3 sources. THEN decide to share.

Your Task (Next 25 Minutes)

1

You'll get a story

Is it TRUE or FALSE?

2

Find 3 sources

Official, credible, independent

3

Fill the worksheet

Document your findings

4

Prepare to present

2 minutes: What you found and your outcomes

Be the Critical Thinker

Verify before you share.

Questions?