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What is Media Literacy?

Knowing the difference between news that really happened and news that is a made-up story is important. Today, information comes from all directions. It shows up in print, online, on the radio, on billboards ... all kinds of places!

Reading carefully and knowing the difference between real and false is called **Media Literacy**. Check out your media literacy skills with today's *Kid Scoop* page!



True news or not?

Today, you get information from lots of different places – the Internet, TV, newspapers, magazines, radio, and more. Some of it is true, and some of it is not. When something isn't real, we say it is "fake," "false," or "made up."

Clearly, our article about a fairy finding a leprechaun's gold is not true. It is made up and just for fun. But sometimes, it's not so easy to tell the difference between real (true) news and stories that are false.

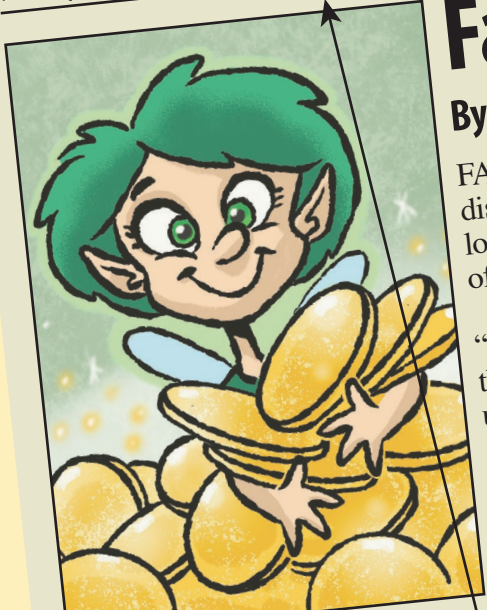
True Clues

Here are three ways you can check to see if something you read is true or made up. Ask a librarian or another trusted adult to help you when you go online.

Answer the following questions when you read or hear a news item.

Caution! This article is not real news! It is just for fun!

Fairy Land News & Observer



Friday Fairy and her lucky find.

Fairy Finds Leprechaun Gold

By Normen Gnome

FAIRYWOOD GLEN – Frida Fairy discovered what is believed to be a local leprechaun's gold hidden inside of a log in Fairywood Glen.

"I saw a little glow coming from inside the log," reported Frida. "So I walked up to investigate."

Frida said that it appeared a squirrel had chewed a hole in the bag of gold, causing several coins to fall out. She said it was the glowing coins that caught her attention.

"It's a leprechaun tradition, whoever finds the gold gets to keep it," said Shamus O'Clover, lawyer for the Fairywood Glen Leprechaun League.

What will Frida do with her new-found treasure? "First, I am going to have a party for all my friends!" exclaimed Frida.

"I'd also like to take a vacation to Candy Land," Frida added. "I've always wanted to see Rock Candy Mountain."

1. Does it say if it is fiction or if it is news?

Sometimes an exaggerated story is meant to poke fun. This is called **satire**.

☐ YES ☐ NO

2. Look at the source.

Notice where the news came from. In this case, it is from "Fairy Land News." Is that a real news reporting source?

☐ YES ☐ NO

3. Look at the byline.

The byline tells you the name of the person who supposedly wrote the article. Is Normen Gnome a real person?

☐ YES ☐ NO

What other clues tell you this is not a real article?

Fairy Tale Facts

Knowing the difference between a **FACT** and an **OPINION** is another skill that helps you decide if a news article is true or made up.

Two of the Three Little Pigs are sharing **opinions**, and one is making a statement of **fact**.

Do the math to find out which pig is sharing a fact. Odd-numbered answers are opinion, and even-numbered answers are fact. Circle the opinions in red crayon. Circle the fact in green.

17 + 4 =

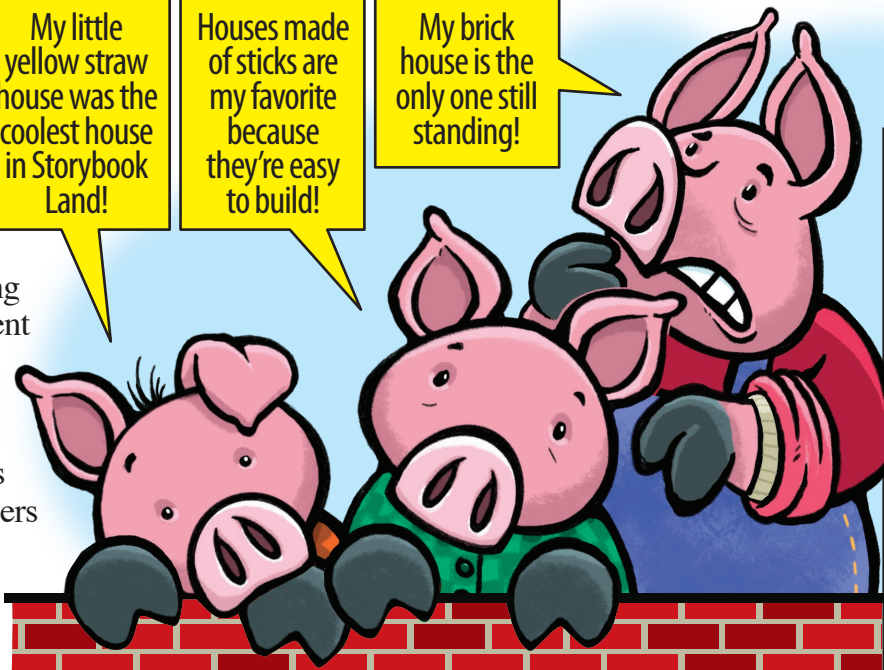
My little yellow straw house was the coolest house in Storybook Land!

13 + 6 =

Houses made of sticks are my favorite because they're easy to build!

21 + 3 =

My brick house is the only one still standing!



Extra! Extra!

Ad Facts and Opinions

Find an advertisement you like in today's newspaper. Circle the **facts** in green. Cross out the **opinions**. What does the ad say if you read only the facts?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Distinguish between fact and opinion.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Prove it, Pinocchio!

It was easy to tell when Pinocchio wasn't telling the truth because his nose grew whenever he fibbed. But it's not always that easy. Sometimes you need **proof** to tell the difference between what is **TRUE** and what is **FALSE**.

Look closely at this picture to see which of Pinocchio's statements are **TRUE** and which are **FALSE**. Cross out the false statements. Circle the true ones.

"My water bottle leaked!"

"I'm not wearing a hat right now!"

"My backpack is wet!"

"My backpack has pockets."

"I'm not wearing a hat and bow tie."

"Now there's a puddle on the floor!"

"I have over 300 big books in my backpack."



Double Double Word Search

ARTICLE
ATTENTION
BYLINE
COINS
FACT
FALSE
FUN
GOLD
LITERACY
MEDIA
NEWS
OPINION
PRINT
REAL
TRUE

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

G M M E G R E A L Y
E O E W N F E P R A
L A L D P I R M T W
I R N D I I L T X X
T T R O N A E Y R E
E I S T I N Y M B S
R C N G T N T N J L
A L I I R Z I C U A
C E O J U J F P A F
Y N C N E W S I O F

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



Read each of the following statements by the characters in *The Three Bears*. Decide if the character is sharing a **FACT** or an **OPINION**. Have a family member check your work and discuss your answers.

1. "This porridge is not too hot nor too cold," said Goldilocks. "It's just right!" ☐ **FACT** ☐ **OPINION**

2. "My chair is broken!" cried Baby Bear. ☐ **FACT** ☐ **OPINION**

3. Mama Bear said, "It's a lovely day for a walk in the forest." ☐ **FACT** ☐ **OPINION**

4. Papa Bear growled, "Someone has been sitting in my chair!" ☐ **FACT** ☐ **OPINION**

5. "I'm getting sleepy," said Goldilocks after eating Baby Bear's bowl of porridge. ☐ **FACT** ☐ **OPINION**

6. "This chair is too soft," said Goldilocks. ☐ **FACT** ☐ **OPINION**

7. Baby Bear shouted, "Someone has been sleeping in my bed. And they're still here!" ☐ **FACT** ☐ **OPINION**

8. "Going into unfamiliar places can be dangerous," said Goldilocks. ☐ **FACT** ☐ **OPINION**

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **MEDIA**

The noun **media** means print, online or audio designed to communicate news or points of view.

Some examples of **media** are newspapers, websites, radio, magazines and podcasts.

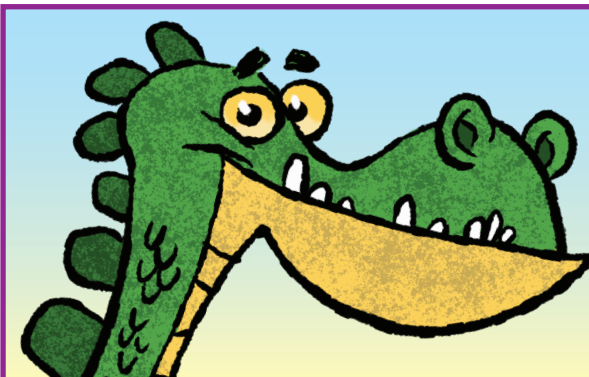
Try to use the word **media** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Media Gets Attention

Media is created to get people's attention. These people are the media's **audience**. Look through today's newspaper. What audience do you think the publisher of this paper is trying to reach?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Analyze intention in written text.



Why are dragons so easy to weigh?

ANSWER: They all carry their own scales.

Write On!

My Newspaper

Imagine you are publishing your very own newspaper. What would you call it? What stories would be on the front page today?