



## Break the FAKE



### Be a Thinker

#### Learn as a Family

**What** is Fake News, disinformation and misinformation?

Fake News or disinformation happens when providing information that is deliberately falsified. Misinformation is communicating false information regardless of an intention to deceive.

**Why** is it important?

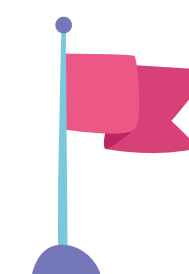
Everyone has a responsibility to make sure something is true before sharing it online. We all have a part in keeping hoaxes and false news from spreading. It is however getting more and more difficult to separate reality from fake with the rise of Generative Artificial Intelligence.

**How** can we break the FAKE?

Only share information you know is true! To detect fake news and misinformation you can think critically, fact-check what you see and hear, and not share anything you are unsure about.

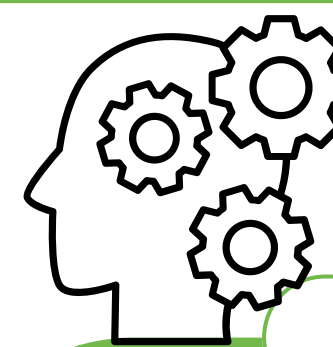
#### Goal

Learn how to tell if something is true online and stop the spread of misinformation and fake news



#### Action Plan

- Learn ways to tell if something is true online:
  1. [Use fact-checking tools](#), like [Snopes.com](#)
  2. [Find the source](#) of the original story and see if it comes from a trusted source
  3. [Verify the source](#) using a search in Google or Wikipedia to see if it is real. Ask yourself: Do they really exist? Are they who they say they are? Are they trustworthy?
  4. [Check other sources](#) by doing a search and see if other trustable news outlets are reporting the same story.
- Now that you've learned a few techniques, practice! Check the following website to see what else you can find out on it: <https://www.allaboutexplorers.com/>
- Test your fact-checking skills: [News quiz](#) (teens) or [Animals quiz](#) (for kids)



#### Consider

- When you read or watch information online, the first question you should ask is, "who is behind the information?"
- Many news websites feature "news", "opinion", and "sponsored" articles, which are often held to very different standards.
- Checking social media can be helpful to detect fake news, as many people are quick to call out misinformation that is posted online.

#### Debrief as a family

- ➡ What went well?
- ➡ What was tricky?
- ➡ What are our next steps?

#### Go further

- Check this video to learn how to read "laterally", using multiple tabs in your browser to fact check as you read: <https://youtu.be/GoQG6Tin-1E>
- [How to tell fact from fake online - a reality check guide](#)
- AI-generated fake images and videos are becoming more common and convincing. [How to detect Deepfakes?](#)