



CRITICAL THINKING LAB (FAKE NEWS CHALLENGE)

LIFE SKILLS – SPOTTING FAKE NEWS



TASK 1. CRITICAL VOCABULARY MATCH

Match the new words from our lesson with the situations where teenagers need to apply them.

WORD
1. Provide
2. Share
3. Issue
4. Realize
5. Damage

REAL-LIFE CRITICAL SITUATION
A. You see a link in Instagram, but you stop and think before you send it to your friends.
B. A website has a shocking title but does not give any real links, names, or evidence.
C. Your friend lost money because he believed a fake online lottery advertisement.
D. Fake news and cyber-safety are a massive, global problem in the internet world today.
E. After checking three different sources, you finally understand that the news was just a joke.

TASK 2. FACT-CHECKING DETECTIVE (THINK CRITICALLY!)

Read the news headlines. Apply your critical thinking skills and choose the BEST reaction and action for each situation.

1.  Headline: "A new iPhone app allows your phone to turn into a real drone and fly."	Your reaction: ☐ a) No way! ☐ b) Sounds great, I will download it.	Your action (Critical thinking): ☐ a) I will share it immediately. ☐ b) I will check if official Apple websites provide this information.
2. LOL  CAT MEMES Headline: "Scientists discovered that looking at cat memes for 10 minutes helps you pass any exam without studying."	Your reaction: ☐ a) Are you serious? ☐ b) You're joking! (It's a funny joke, but not science).	Your action (Critical thinking): ☐ a) I realize it is just a modern internet joke and won't damage my revision schedule. ☐ b) I will stop studying and just watch cats.

TASK 3. THE ULTIMATE 4-QUESTION FACT CHECKER (THE FINALE)

This is the most important part from the last paragraph of your textbook text. To check if any modern news is real or fake, you must always ask four critical questions: **WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHY.**

З'єднай питальне слово з правильним кроком для перевірки будь-якої новини (на основі фінального абзацу підручника).

THE QUESTION
1. WHO?
2. WHAT?
3. WHERE?
4. WHY?

HOW TO CHECK (VERIFICATION STEP)
A. Look at the website address or the platform. Is it a well-known, modern, trusted news resource or a strange, unknown blog?
B. Understand the reason for this information. Do they want to help people, or do they want to make a joke, get clicks, or sell a bad product?
C. Check the author, reporter, or organization. Are they real experts who can provide deep knowledge about this issue?
D. Analyze the main story and facts. Does the information sound logical, or does it sound too crazy and strange to be real?