

11.2 VOCABULARY

DEGREES OF TRUTH

A **Circle** the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence.

- 1 Parents often have *biased* / *dishonest* opinions about their children's abilities.
- 2 It was just a *hoax* / *rumor* – it might be true, but they were not yet sure.
- 3 Andy was *suspicious* / *trustworthy* that the news item might not be accurate.
- 4 A good journalist does careful, *accurate* / *suspicious* reporting.
- 5 Ted felt the story was *accurate* / *misleading* and gave the wrong idea about what happened.
- 6 The bomb threat turned out to be a *hoax* / *white lie*.
- 7 It wasn't untrue, but it was greatly *exaggerated* / *false*.
- 8 I don't see why you're so upset! It was just a little *misinformation* / *white lie*.
- 9 Selling counterfeits is a(n) *accurate* / *dishonest* way of making money.
- 10 There is a(n) *hoax* / *urban legend* about people living underground in the old New York City subway tunnels.

B **Match the words and phrases to the descriptions below.**

controversial dishonest exaggerated inaccurate trustworthy white lie

- 1 an experienced journalist who has won many awards for his or her reporting: _____
- 2 a website selling "vitamins" that claims they can give people superpowers: _____
- 3 a salesperson saying that a certain face cream can make a person look "20 years younger": _____
- 4 a new movie that many people find very upsetting: _____
- 5 Paul didn't like his friend Michelle's cooking, but he told her that he did: _____
- 6 an article containing many small, factual errors: _____

C **Match the halves to make complete sentences.**

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| 1 A trustworthy news website _____ | a made false statements about his opponent. |
| 2 The inaccurate science article _____ | b was interrupted by protestors. |
| 3 Her controversial speech _____ | c never actually took place. |
| 4 The rumored meeting _____ | d contained biased information. |
| 5 The dishonest politician _____ | e contains accurate reporting. |