INTERNET TALES

1 VOCABULARY: Degrees of truth

A (Circle) the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 If you don't tell the truth, you're being (dishonest)/ honest.
2 When you tell a lie to stop someone from being hurt, you tell a *suspicious / white* lie.
3 If people believe stories about something that actually never happened, then they fell for a *hoax / misinformation*.
4 A story or statement that's not true but is often repeated, and believed by many to be true, is an urban *legend / fact*.
5 When something is not completely correct, it is *accurate / inaccurate*.
6 When something is not real, it is *false / biased*.
7 If people feel that they can trust you, they call you *controversial / trustworthy*.
8 When you make something seem more important than it really is, it has been *exaggerated /misleading*.
9 You're *misleading / suspicious* when something doesn't seem right.
10 When a story could be true but might be invented, it is a *rumor / white lie*.
11 Something is *controversial / misinformation* when it causes disagreement and discussion.
12 If you like or dislike a person based on personal opinions, you are *suspicious / biased*.
13 It's *misinformation / controversial* when information is wrong or intended to deceive.
14 If a reporter uses a photo that suggests something that is not true, then the photo is *inaccurate / misleading*.
15 When something is exact and correct, it's *exaggerated / accurate*.

2 GRAMMAR: Passives with modals and modal-like expressions; passive infinitives

A Complete the sentences with *be* or *to be*.

1 Misleading stories shouldn't _____ *be* _____ discussed on the news.
2 This new smartphone seems _____ the best thing since sliced bread.
3 That type of news has _____ stopped from reaching the students.
4 This story is a hoax and shouldn't _____ believed.
5 She didn't expect _____ given an award for her news stories.
6 This report needs _____ done by this afternoon.
7 That type of work couldn't _____ done by one person.
8 I didn't want _____ thought of as a dishonest person, so I told the truth.

B **Complete the sentences with a modal or modal-like expression from the box. Use the correct verb tense.**

could	expect	have	must
~~need~~	seem	should	want

1 All news stories _____ *need* _____ to be checked.
2 They didn't _____ their story to spread as quickly as it did.
3 All the information _____ be collected and recorded first.
4 You _____ better listen to him or you'll be fired from your job.
5 We _____ be given directions for how to use this machine. It's complicated.
6 This _____ to be an important issue these days.
7 Future problems _____ be avoided if you address these issues now.
8 Jenna didn't _____ to be part of our team anymore.

C **THINK CRITICALLY** **What do you think spreads faster: facts or lies? Give reasons why.**

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3 GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

A **Write a sentence using the prompts and a word in the box. Use the passive forms with modals or modal-like expressions.**

~~accurate~~	false	hoax	misleading	rumor	trustworthy

1 only / information / report / news channel
   Only accurate information should be reported on a news channel.
2 story / tell / reporters

   _____
3 publish / stop / magazines

   _____
4 stories / research / source

   _____
5 information / check / report

   _____
6 dangerous / avoid / penalty

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