

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 to be the best thing since sliced bread.
- 3 That type of news has been stopped from reaching the students.
- 4 This story is a hoax and shouldn't be believed.
- 5 She didn't expect to be given an award for her news stories.
- 6 This report needs to be done by this afternoon.
- 7 That type of work couldn't be done by one person.
- 8 I didn't want to be 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 spread their story to spread as quickly as it did.
- 3 All the information should be collected and recorded first.
- 4 You should better listen to him or you'll be fired from your job.
- 5 We should be given directions for how to use this machine. It's complicated.
- 6 This seems to be an important issue these days.
- 7 Future problems should be avoided if you address these issues now.
- 8 Jenna didn't want to be part of our team anymore.



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

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
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- 1 only / information / report / news channel
Only accurate information should be reported on a news channel.
- 2 story / tell / reporters
Stories should be told by reporters.
- 3 publish / stop / magazines
Magazines should be published by reliable sources.
- 4 stories / research / source
Stories should be based on reliable research.
- 5 information / check / report
Information should be checked before it is reported.
- 6 dangerous / avoid / penalty
Dangerous information should be avoided.