

Activity 2. Spot the Difference: Fact or Fake?

A Quiz Game to test and develop children's ability to tell the difference between what is fact and what is fake along with suggestions for how to do this.

Description

While the digital world offers a range of information and opportunities for young people, it is also becoming harder to separate fact from fiction.

This activity is designed to help children and their parents/grandparents develop strategies for spotting the difference between what is real/true and what is fake.

It gives young people the tools to check if something is real or fake and how to identify untrustworthy sources.

Parents / grandparents are encouraged to play this quiz game with their children and to discuss the topics raised after answering each question.

The game can be played with two to four players to see who gets the most questions right – or just by the child (but this is much less fun!)

We provide guidelines on what you both/all can learn from each question and ideas for what to discuss.

Age range

The Quiz is designed for children aged 11-13. However, it is just as valuable for the parents and grandparents – i.e., there is no age limit to enjoying this informative game!

Learning objectives

For Parents/Grandparents/Carers:

- To provide them with guidance on how to spot 'fake news' and techniques for checking whether something online is real or misleading.
- To develop the critical digital literacy skills of parents/grandparents synchronously with those of the children in their care
- To prompt further investigation and research into the topic

To help young people to develop:

- Skills and techniques for spotting the difference between real and fake information in digital media formats
- critical interpretation skills –about intentions and what makes a news story fake;
- critical evaluation and reflection skills - to make independent and reasoned judgments
- critical online thinking / critical digital literacy

Preparation for the activity

The aim of this activity is to make it a game where both parent/s and children test their knowledge and understanding together.

Play the Quiz Game online or download it as a Powerpoint presentation from our resources page on the APRICOT website
www.apricot4parents.org/resources.

Activity step-by step

The Quiz Game will take between 15 - 30 mins to play to get the best out of it.

Playing solo

Answer the questions and take a moment to review the 'learn and discuss' section to get tips to build knowledge. Keep a record of your score!

Playing as a team

This is the ideal way to play the quiz!

Player 1 will be asked to answer the question first followed by player 2. After both have answered the question, find out how well you did. Keep a record of your scores and see who wins.

We'd encourage players to pause after each question to chat through the discussion question(s) to make it more engaging.

Read the supporting Guide/Factsheet.

Questions for reflection, self-assessment and conclusions

- What do you think your children have learned?
- What did you learn?
- How do you think what you have learned will change your behaviour when looking at information on-line?
- Which tips will you apply in the future?

References

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