

# Introduction to Thinking Critically Online

## OFFLINE WORKSHEET

### Activity 1: Belief, Fact or Opinion

1. What do you know about the different types of information online? Show off your knowledge below. Write each statement into the correct box below.

We should be allowed to use mobile phones in School

Too much screen time can affect your ability to sleep

YouTube was released in 2005

Xbox is my favourite console

It is wrong to copy someone's homework

**Belief**

**Fact**

**Opinion**

2. Answer in a sentence or two: Which of these three information types is the most reliable?

**STOP & TALK:**

With your class, group or partner, discuss which ones are beliefs, facts and opinions.

## Activity 2: Sceptical About Misinformation

2. Read the following scenarios of misinformation below and CIRCLE things that make them unreliable.

### Did you know???

Celebrity singer, Mya Cole, has been a gymnastic star, journalist, a doctor before becoming singer! She even went to be a lawyer!

She is the most amazing!!

### Renew your shoes in 3 easy steps!!!

1. Rub butter all over your shoe creases
2. Put them in the freezer overnite
3. Defrost

SHOES LIKE NEW!!

### What DOCTORS don't want you to know!

Many of our health problems like headaches, stomach issues, and viruses don't need a doctor. Let NATURE heal you. This product is all you need to feel better. Just a few drops in your water or meals can make a world of difference. Try them today!

**STOP & TALK:**

With your class, group or partner, discuss why people might create and spread this kind of misinformation. What is their intent?

## Activity 3: Trust the Source

1. Read the following scenario:

Daisy has to complete a project on someone she admires. She decides to go with actress Summer Colt because of her cool action roles in movies and the fact that she campaigns to help girls in poorer countries get an education. Online, she finds many facts, but she isn't sure which ones are real. Can you help her figure out which are real?

Which information sources can be trusted? CIRCLE the sources below that you think are reliable:

Born in London  
(source: XYZ interview)

A triplet  
(source: fansite)

Fastest woman on Earth  
(source: TV comedy show)

Favourite movie is  
Rhinoceros Rules  
(source: awards show  
interview)

An only child  
(source: fan theory)

is a UN ambassador  
(source: UN website)

Favourite animal is a jaguar  
(source: video from her account)

Likes tacos  
(source: personal status update)

### STOP & TALK:

With your class, group or partner discuss what kind of sources are likely to be the most reliable