Watch this video to see how a group of young people got on when they were challenged to spot fake news stories.

What is an example of fake news?

‘Frogs eat Donkey’ or ‘COVID-19 is caused by 5G’.

But ‘fake news’ stories might have some bit of truth in them that makes it harder to spot that they are fake. **Truth and lies get mixed up so it is hard to tell what is true or not.**

How do people try to hide that it is a fake news story?

They might try and make it look like a well-known newspaper or use another trusted logo.

Why do people share fake news?

- It could be that they shared it by mistake thinking it was true
- They might share it to get more likes or clicks
- Someone may have written it on purpose to make people worry or to get themselves noticed

Ask yourself:

1. **Have I seen this story anywhere else** online or on the TV or radio? 
2. **Do I know where it came from** in the first place?

Try not to get upset by a frightening story – it may not be true. Ask your parents or carer to check it out with you.