

Misleading Statistics in the Media: Examples and How to Spot Them



PART 1: How false news can spread

1. Why should we be more careful today about information and data displayed in the news?

2. Oral comprehension.

Watch TED-Ed's video about how false news can spread (00:00-03:02) and answer the following questions.



Read the questions before watching the video so you know what to expect.



Right or wrong? You may have to justify your answer.

1. Decades ago there were fewer newspapers so the information was less trustworthy:

2. Aggregated sources of news like the Associated Press (AP) are a safe way to avoid the circulation of misinformation:

3. Since information travels fast and everybody can participate, false data are easily corrected:

4. Children that should have been vaccinated were contaminated:

5. The video suggests serious journals should not make jokes:

6. In terms of information, new technologies have had positive effects:

Answer the following question through complete sentences.

7. Why can it be said that Mark Twain's quotation proves the precise point it is making?
