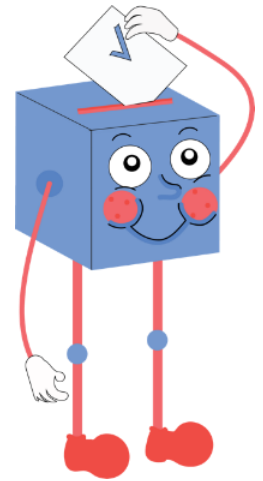


Article 13: “You have the right to find out things and share what you think with others, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends other people.”



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Parents/Carers & Pupils:

This lesson works best in “Full Screen” mode – click the icon at the bottom right of your screen or use the “F5” key to start from the beginning. Use the space bar, mouse or arrow keys to click through!



Be informed.



Be curious.



Be heard.

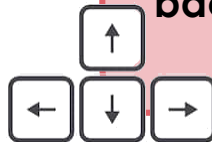
How to use this lesson...

Use these **buttons** to get the most out of your lesson.

Find this **button** in the bottom right of you screen to **start your lesson**.



Use the **arrow keys** to **go forwards and backwards** through your lesson.



To go back to your normal screen, **press the esc key** on your keyboard.



Learning from home?

Here are some **ideas of how to get the most out of this lesson at home**.

Ask an adult to **arrange a video call** so you can do some of the **activities with a friend**.



Explore the topic with a **parent or caregiver**: how is their opinion different to yours?



Teach a younger sibling or relative about how **VotesforSchools** works!



In the classroom?

Look out for these boxes to see how to make the most of the activities!

Parents' & Carers' Note:

Please see the Notes section below each slide for any further guidance.

Don't forget to vote...

You can find the link to do this on the final slide. Get your whole household involved!



Feedback: "Are you ready for the new normal?"

No
32.1%

"We are ready for the new normal. Everyday life is always a new day, circumstances always change everyday through technology, wars, illnesses. Everyone has to adapt to survive. Life has to go on, and we have to be aware of dangers around us."

Lea Forest Primary Academy



"I have been at school for a while and I am getting used to this new normal."

Lyndhurst House Prep School

"I am ready but I am still nervous in case it's not safe."

Saint Aidan's RC Primary

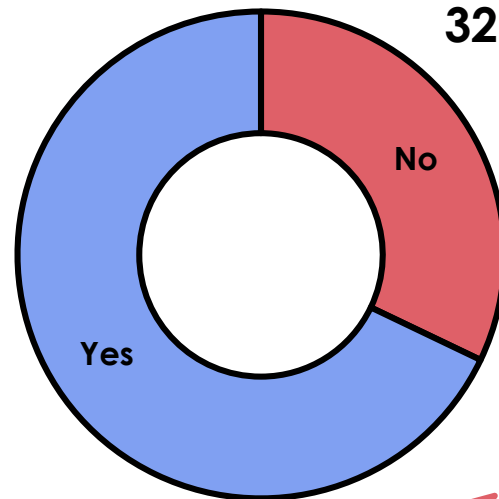


"I'm worried because the lockdown is getting relaxed and people think Coronavirus is over and there is no need to social distance."

Park Hall Junior Academy

"Thank you so much for getting involved and sharing your views. We think it's really important that schools are ready to support their pupils with their mental health and wellbeing when they open again, and we wrote a report called Time For a Clean Slate that asks the Government and schools to make sure they look after pupil wellbeing as well as catching up on missed classes."

Amy Woodworth, Senior Research and Policy Officer at Barnardo's



Yes
67.9%



Be informed!



Here's what's been in the news this week...

Leicester back into lockdown



After a rise in cases, Leicester has gone back into lockdown **with all schools and non-essential shops closing.**



Back to school in September!

The Government has said that **all children** will go **back to school in September**, and you're likely to be in a "bubble" with your class!



More Black History please!

Lots of groups and charities are campaigning for more Black History to be taught in the curriculum. **Click the image to find out more!**



Fortnite developers have announced their Summer Splash, where **lots of modes, skins and new features will appear!**



Fortnite Summer Splash!



Starter: Seeing is believing



True or false? (5 mins)

Take a look at these different statements. If you think it is true, go to the left. If you think it is false, go to the right.



Challenge:

Can you work out what this week's topic is, based on this activity?



← YES OR NO →



Starter: Seeing is believing



The Earth is flat.



← YES OR NO →



Starter: Seeing is believing



Barack Obama is a
reptile.

← YES OR NO →



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The Moon Landing was
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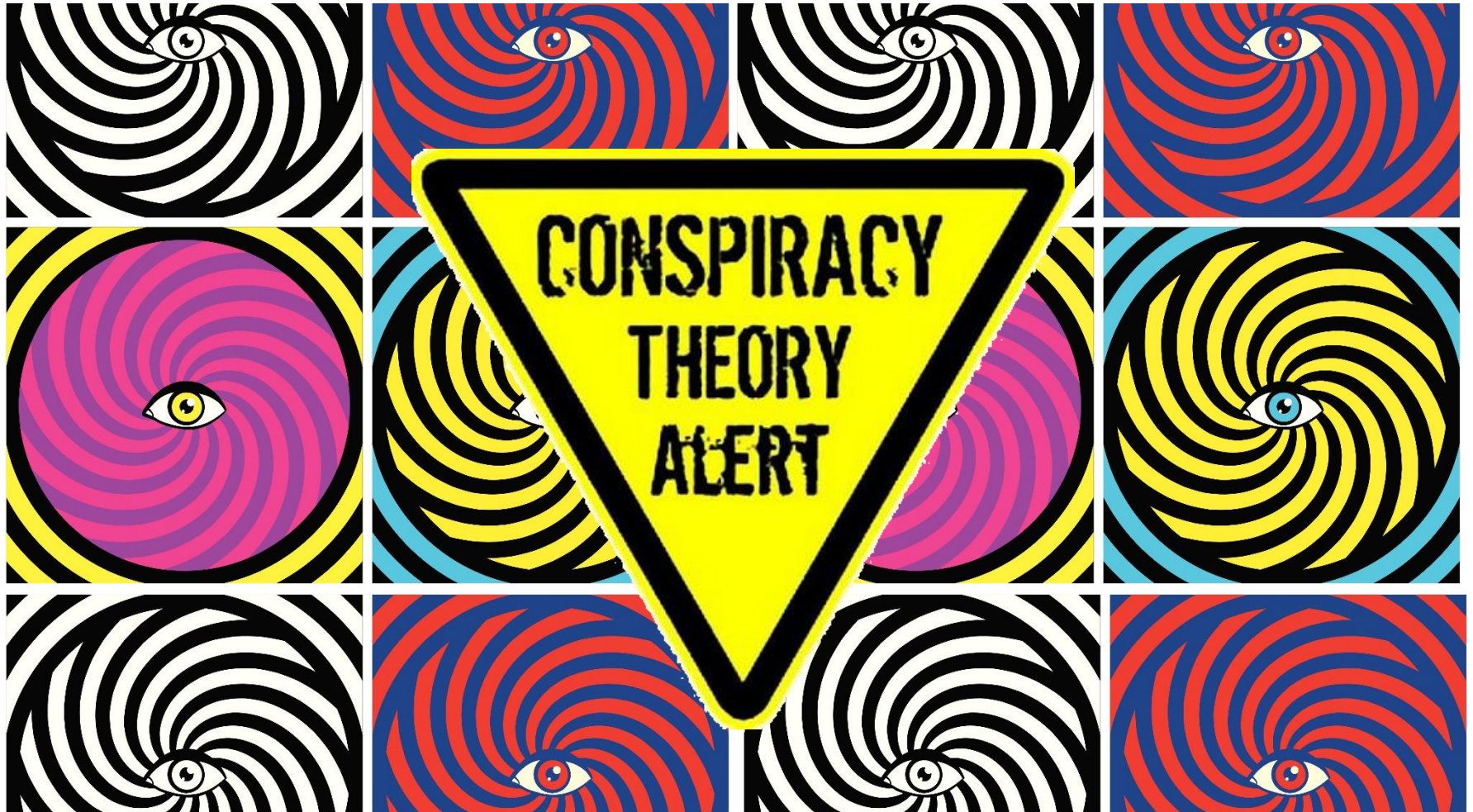
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Baby Yoda caused
COVID-19.

← YES OR NO →

Are **conspiracy theories** more
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Our learning journey for this week!



Starter: Seeing is believing



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Why are we talking about this?

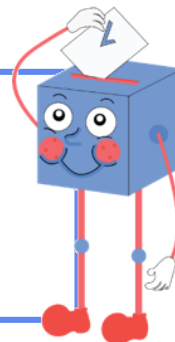
Theories in action



What would you do?



Vote!



Ext: Create a conspiracy theory!





What is a conspiracy theory?



Conspiracy theories are often talked about along with **fake news** and **misinformation**, but what do they all mean?

Match the word (3-4 mins)

Take a look at the three terms below. Can you match them to the correct definition?
Click to see if you're right!



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Another big difference between conspiracy theories and fake news is that **lots of people believe conspiracy theories**. Some studies have found that **up to 20% of people believe the most popular ones!**

Scientists think that this is because **humans try to find patterns in everything**. For example:



If you **got sick after eating green meat**, you would think that **green meat is bad**.



However, experts say that **sometimes we find the wrong patterns**. For example, Baby Yoda appeared on TV in December 2019, at the same time as COVID-19 started spreading. **Did Baby Yoda cause Coronavirus?**



What is a conspiracy theory?



While many conspiracy theories are as unbelievable as Baby Yoda spreading Coronavirus, **certain theories can sometimes seem quite believable at first.**

Conspiracy groups can also **give people a sense of community**, as people will come together to talk about what they believe in.



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1:55

Watch (2-3 mins)

Click the image to watch the trailer for a Netflix documentary on The Flat Earth Society. **Why do you think this belief is so important to them?**

Our learning journey for this week!



Starter: Seeing is believing



What is a conspiracy theory?



Why are we talking about this?

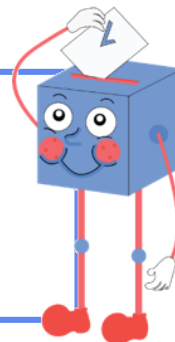
Theories in action



What would you do?



Vote!



Ext: Create a conspiracy theory!





Why are we talking about this?



Experts have found that **when we're stressed** and feel like things are out of control, **we are more likely to believe in conspiracy theories.**

And with everyone spending more time on **social media**, conspiracy theory posts and videos **spread quickly to millions of people.** In fact, one study found **that fake news stories spread quicker online than real ones!**

Discuss (2-3 mins)

Have you heard of any conspiracy theories during lockdown?



This has been especially true over the past few months, with **Coronavirus theories about China, 5G towers and vaccinations** all spreading across the UK.



Why are we talking about this?



These theories didn't just spread here in the UK – **similar theories have been seen all over the world**. In February, the Director of the World Health Organisation (WHO) said that **we're not just fighting the pandemic, but we're also "fighting an infodemic"**, as we **try to work out which information is fake and which is real**.



But **are conspiracy theories really dangerous?** Or are they just **a bit of fun to help people during a stressful time?** That's what you'll be deciding today.

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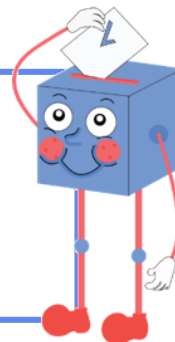
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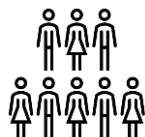


Ext: Create a conspiracy theory!





Theories in action



Think (5-10 mins)

Draw this table on a piece of paper then have a look at the six conspiracy theories on the next two slides. Decide which box you think each one belongs in.

Believable & Harmless



Believable & Harmful



In the classroom?

Work in small groups or do this task on the whiteboard together as a class.

Crazy & Harmless



Crazy & Harmful





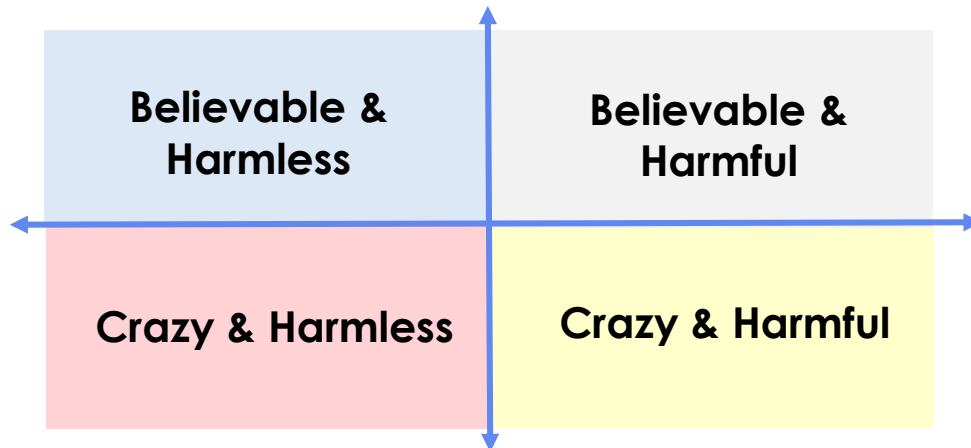
Theories in action

Reptilians



The idea of “**Reptilians**” was made popular by former TV presenter David Icke, who claims **shape-shifting reptile-human creatures control Earth by taking human form and gaining power.**

David Icke believes that **many world leaders** (including our Royal family) are, or **are possessed by, reptilians.**



Add the **Reptilian theory** to your grid. Where did you put it and why?



Theories in action

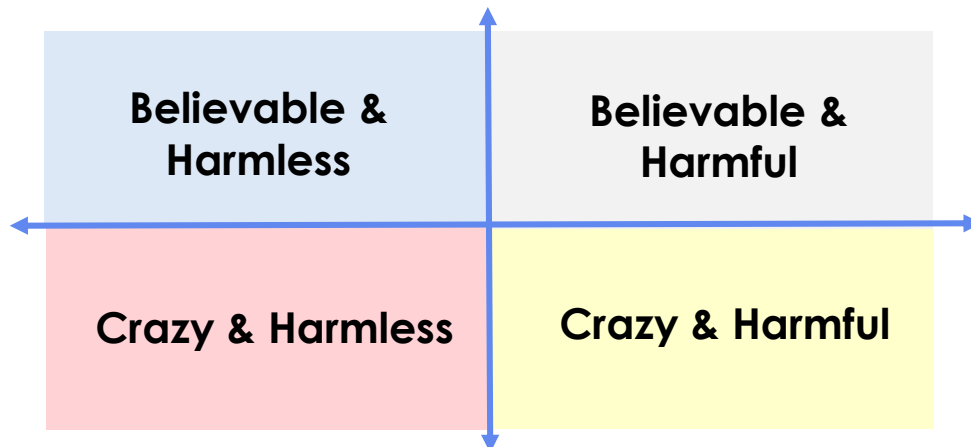
The Moon Landing was faked



In 1969, **NASA** flew **Neil Armstrong** and **Buzz Aldrin** to the **Moon**, making the USA the first country to have a crew set foot on the Moon.

The event was **shown on television to the whole world**, and many photos were taken of it.

Some **people believe the Moon Landing was faked to win the "Space Race"** against the Soviet Union (now Russia).



Add the **Moon Landing theory** to your grid. Where did you put it and why?



Theories in action

5G spreads Coronavirus

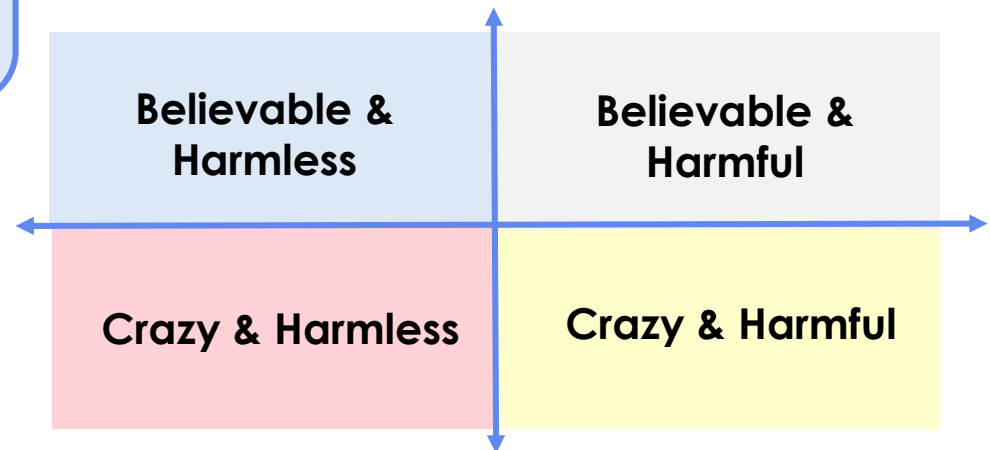


The latest **network upgrade** for **mobile phones** is called **5G**, and it is currently being set up across the UK.

Some people think **that 5G caused Coronavirus**, and that the virus is **spread by the towers**.

Even though there is **no real evidence**, the theory **spread quickly online**. So far, **77 towers** were set on **fire** and more than **40 engineers** have been **attacked** in the UK.

Add the **5G theory** to your grid. Where did you put it and why?





Theories in action

The Earth is flat

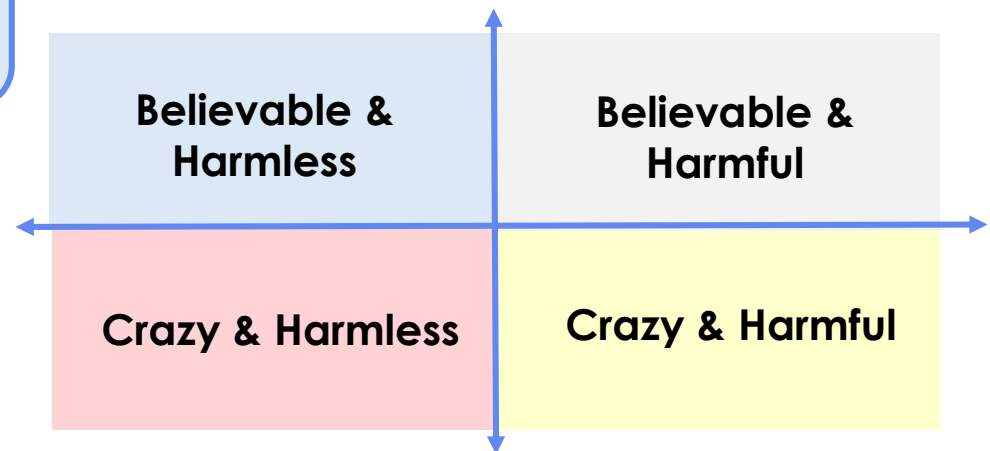


As the name suggests, The Flat Earth Society **believe that the Earth is flat**, not spherical.

They claim there is **no proof that the Earth is not flat**, and that NASA are **photoshopping their satellite images to trick the public!**

Over the years, **the group has tried to find evidence** that the Earth is flat but all their tests showed that it was actually round...

Add the **Flat Earth theory** to your grid.
Where did you put it and why?





Theories in action

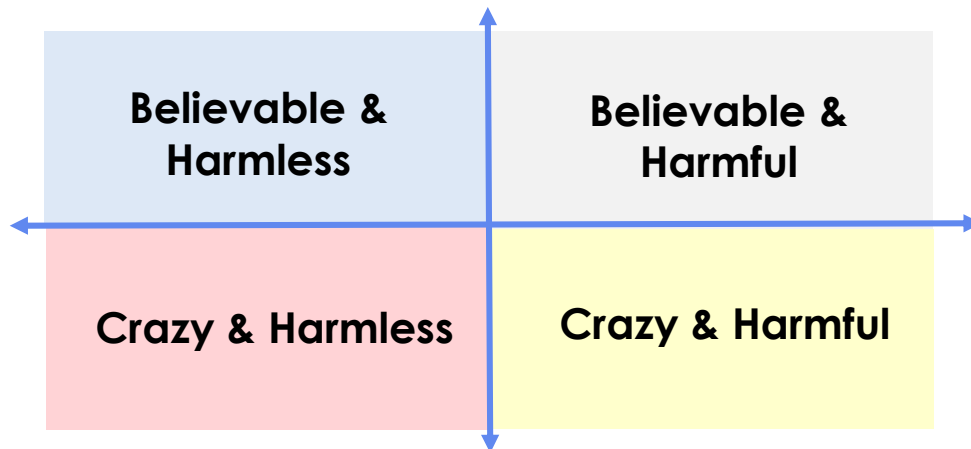
A secret group of powerful people



Many conspiracy theorists believe in the Illuminati - **a secret society which controls important world events and even the Government.**

While an Illuminati group **did exist hundreds of years ago**, it wasn't very powerful and was **ended in the 1780s.**

Theorists believe **that lots of famous people are members**, and some believe the group **created COVID-19.**



Add the **Illuminati theory** to your grid.
Where did you put it and why?



Theories in action

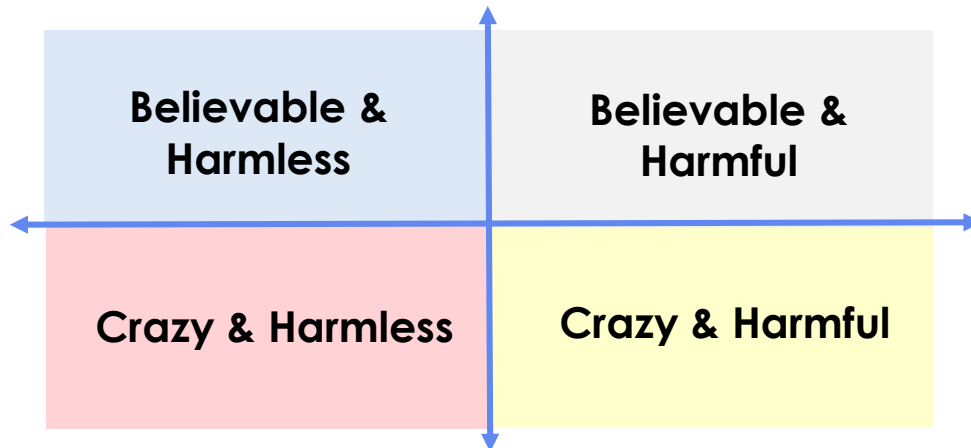
Jewish people caused the Plague



The Black Death (also called the Plague) was a **pandemic** that spread more than 600 years ago, and **killed approximately 25 million people**.

During the Plague, a **conspiracy theory spread that the disease was caused by Jewish people**.

Across Europe, **thousands of Jews were killed** by people trying to stop the spread of the disease. Of course **the theory wasn't true**.



Add the **Plague theory** to your grid. Where did you put it and why?



Theories in action



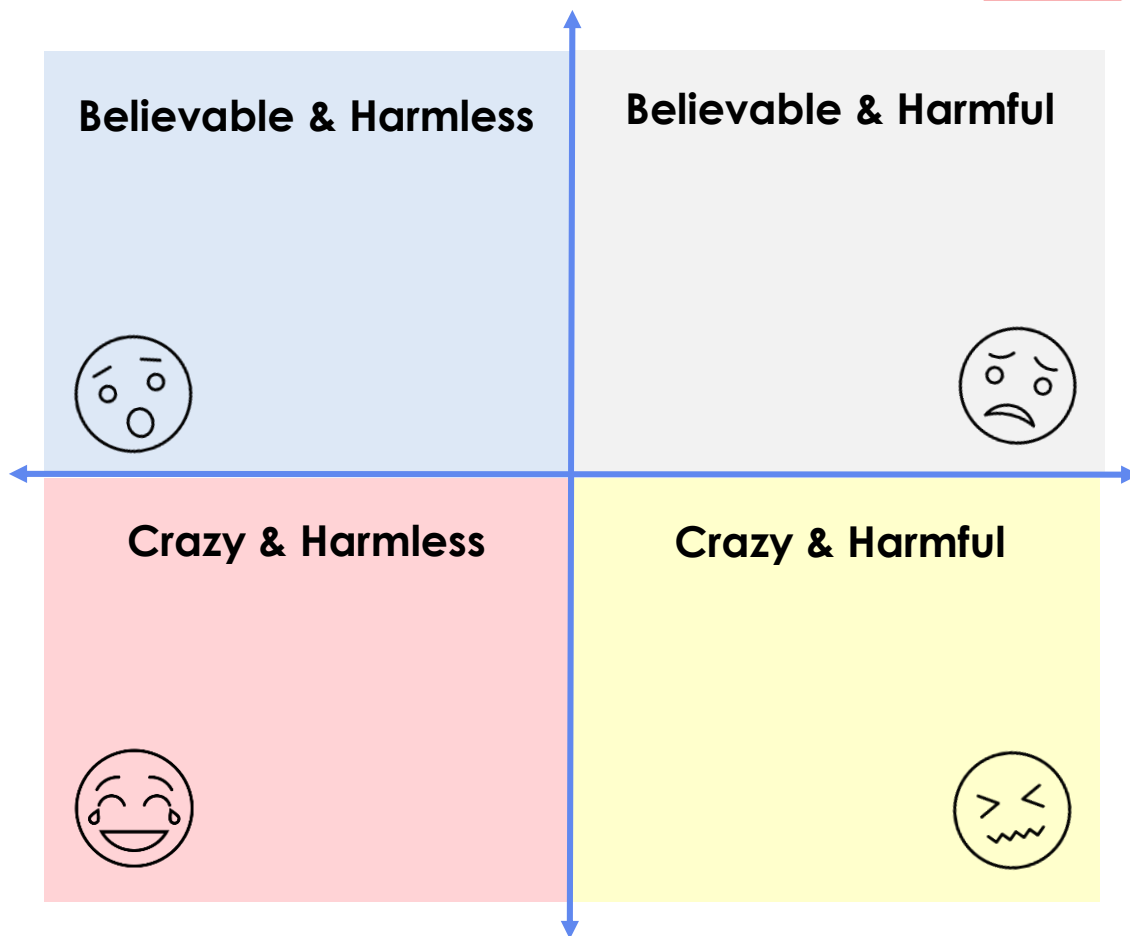
Reflect (3-5 mins)

Have a look at your table again and discuss the following questions:

1 Did you think these conspiracy theories were mostly **harmless or harmful**?

2 Did you think these conspiracy theories were mostly **crazy or believable**?

3 Why do you think people **believe these conspiracy theories**?



Challenge:

Add any other conspiracy theory you've heard of to your table.

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Starter: Seeing is believing



What is a conspiracy theory?



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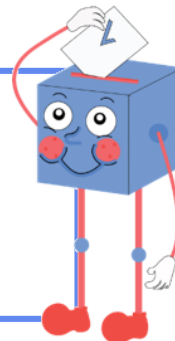
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What would you do?



Vote!



Ext: Create a conspiracy theory!

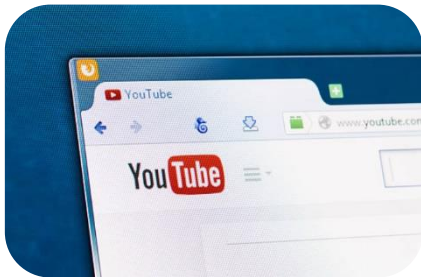




What would you do?



What would you do? (5-10 mins)
Take a look at three different scenarios on the next few slides. For each one, decide what you think the best thing to do would be and why. Then, click to see if you're right!

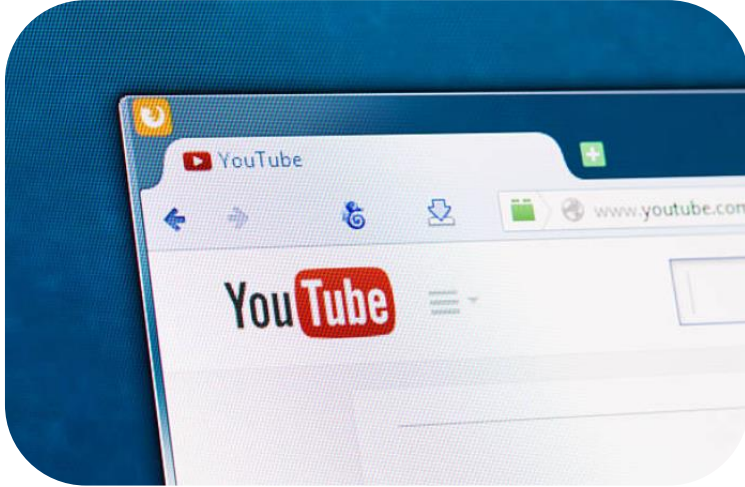


Challenge:

Have a chat with your friends or family. Have they ever been in a tricky situation surrounding a conspiracy theory? What happened and what did they do?



What would you do?



While on YouTube, you see a video that tells you that **a local fire that hurt lots of people was set by the Government**. They say that there is lots of evidence to show that the Government is lying, and that you should **join a protest this weekend to find out more about it**.

A Watch the next recommended video on YouTube that's called "The Government want to silence us!"

B Speak to an adult about what you have seen and ask questions about it.

Some conspiracy theories can be worrying, or even scary. If you're not sure about something, **speak to an adult** about what you have seen or heard.

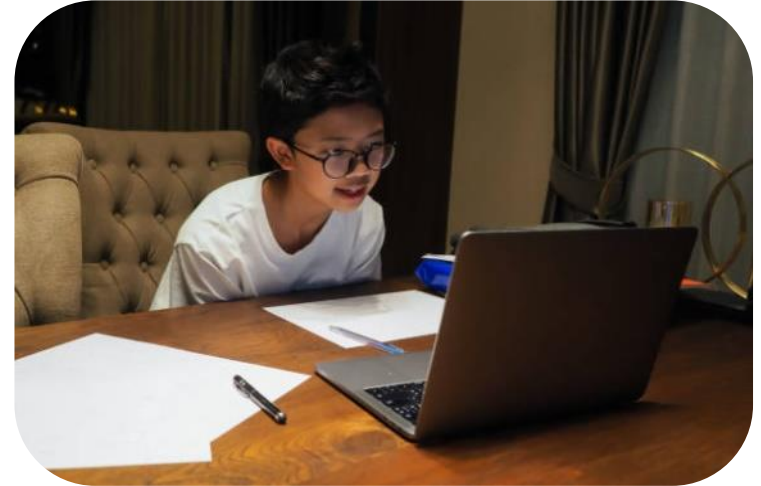
What would you do and why?



What would you do?



Your teacher asked you to do some research for your Geography homework. **While browsing, you see a website that says that aliens live under the ground, and are planning on attacking humans soon.** Now you feel really worried and don't know what to do!



What would you do and why?

A

B

Full Fact

Conspiracy theories **can look very believable** when you first see them, and they may include lots of misinformation. **Do some more research, and use Full Fact to help you!**

C

Do some more research to see if any well-known websites agree with the theory.



What would you do?



A girl in your class **keeps talking about a conspiracy theory**. When you told her that it wasn't true she shouted at you and now she won't speak to you. **You don't want to lose a friend, but you don't know what to do next.**

A

Talk to her calmly and explain why you don't think it is true.

Laughing at someone, or ignoring the problem, **won't help the situation**. **Talk calmly** to your friend and explain why you don't agree with their beliefs. Remember, **it's ok not to agree on everything!**

What would you do and why?

Our learning journey for this week!



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What is a conspiracy theory?



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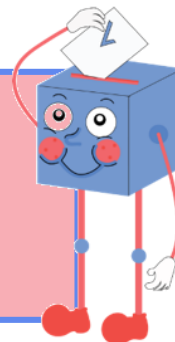
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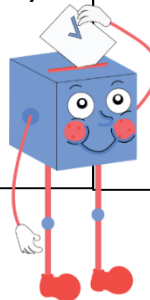
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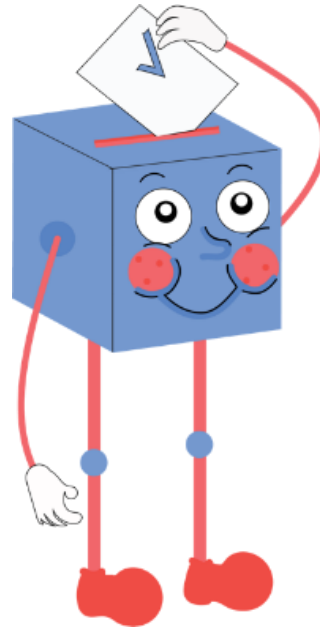
Yes	No
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You can vote from home at...

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/vfs-primary-ks2-conspiracy-theories>



To have your voice heard!

If you have any issues, feedback or comments, email
amy@votesforschools.com!



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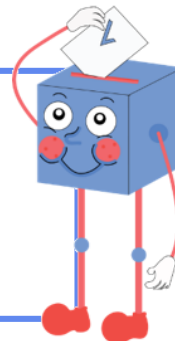
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			cheese	while singing the alphabet...
			balls	and drinks tomato ketchup!
			nuts	and smells like onions!

Create your own (5+ mins)

Use the table on the next slide to create your own conspiracy theory. To play, roll a dice and use the number to choose from each column. How many different conspiracy theories can you come up with?



No dice?

Click the image to use an online dice instead!



Ext.: Create a conspiracy theory!



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4	Ariana Grande	is/was	a cheese smeller	while singing the alphabet...
5	Your favourite celebrity	worships	basketballs	and drinks tomato ketchup!
6	Your teacher	works with	astronauts	and smells like onions!

Challenge:

Try creating your own chart before testing it on a friend! Which columns will you include?

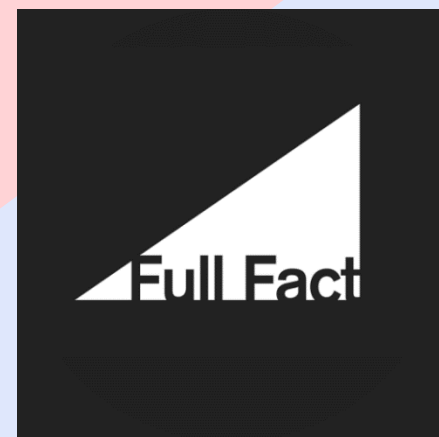


Call to Action

Quick idea

Use Full Fact!

Full Fact is the UK's independent fact-checking service. Just type in what you've heard and they'll tell you if it's true or not!



2 Taking your VotePack further

The screenshot shows a worksheet titled 'FAKEOUT Q' with a 'REALITY CHECK' section. It includes a 'Fake News Detector' box with instructions to test skills on spotting fake news. There are several interactive elements: a 'REPORTER' badge, a 'BAD NEWS' badge, and a 'REALITY CHECK' badge. A central thought bubble says 'Test your skills on spotting fake news using these activities. Click on the images to go to the activity!'. Other text boxes include: 'Can you tell which headlines are real and which are fake?', 'Find out what life is like as a journalist for the BBC!', 'Use this game to learn how to tell if a piece of news is fake or not!', and 'Or try creating your own fake news - can you make it believable?'. A small 'iStockphoto.com' watermark is visible at the bottom.

Brush up your detective skills

For more information on how to check your news sources, check out this week's Home Learning Guide where you will find links to lots of great games. That way, you can have fun while you learn more!

Big idea