

# Digital Citizenship: Headline Detective

## Lesson 2: Spotting Fake News

**Goal:** For each headline, quickly decide its primary category (Fact, Opinion, or Satire) and identify the "Red Flag" that makes it questionable (if any).

- **Fact:** Can be proven true or false.
- **Opinion:** A personal belief or judgment.
- **Satire:** Uses humor, exaggeration, or irony to comment on current events (not meant to be taken literally).

#	Headline	Category (Fact/Opinion/Satire)	Primary Red Flag (If Questionable)
1	<b>SHOCKING VIDEO REVEALS</b> Secret Government Project That Used Your Phone Data To Track Pets!		
2	Local School Board Approves New Measure to Increase Student Volunteer Hours for Graduation.		
3	Area Teenager Sends 3,000 Texts in One Day, Cites "Emotional Burden" as Reason for Dead Phone Battery.		
4	Tech Analysts Suggest That The Newest Smartphone Model Is Clearly The Best Product Ever Released.		
5	BREAKING: Scientists Confirm That Eating Chocolate Will Now Count As A Full Workout, Experts Say.		

## Red Flags to Look For

1. Extreme Emotional Language (ALL CAPS, "SHOCKING", "OUTRAGE")
2. Weird URLs/Source Names (e.g., <https://www.google.com/search?q=truthseeker48.com>)
3. Lack of Author/Date/Sources
4. Visual Oddities (poor quality/fake photo)
5. Unbelievable Claims ("Solves all energy problems," etc.)