Unit 5 — Media Literacy — Teacher copy

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1. Vocabulary

Match each item to its meaning or use it in a sentence.

Term	Your note
source	
claim	
evidence	
fact-check	
misinformation	
disinformation	
bias	
headline	
clickbait	
study	
statistic	
anecdote	
primary source	
peer-reviewed	
fake news	
viral	

2. Reading

Read the text and use it for the activities below.

Vocabulary — media literacy
source, claim, evidence, fact-check, misinformation, disinformation, bias, headline, clickbait, study, statistic, anecdote, primary source, peer-reviewed, fake news, viral.

Grammar — hedged claims
seem to / appear to / claim to / be reported to + base verb.

- *The fruit **seems to** improve sleep.*
- *The article **claims to** be based on a study.*
- *Critics **appear to** disagree.* Hedged language is what careful writing sounds like — neither lying nor over-claiming.

3. Practise

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1. Choose: *seems / claims / appears*: This study _____ to be peer-reviewed. The article _____ _____ to support the claim, but the link is broken.
2. Match: clickbait → exaggerated headline; primary source → original. (T / F)

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3. Build 4 hedged-claim sentences about a viral post or article.

4. Your turn

Mini-review, 120 words. Pick a viral post or article. Write a short review: *Source? Evidence? Bias? + what would change my mind*. Use 3 hedged claims.

Sample

The article I read seems to claim that a new fruit improves sleep, mood, and maths grades. The source is a small website I have never seen before. The article appears to cite a study, but the link is broken. The language is highly enthusiastic, which is a typical clickbait sign. I am not saying the fruit is bad — I am saying I cannot tell from this article. What would change my mind: a peer-reviewed study, a named researcher, and one critical voice in the article itself.

5. Further reading / listening

- BBC Reality Check.
- Snopes — fact-checking site.
- FullFact (UK).

6. Teacher answer key

Controlled. 1. claims / appears.

2. all true.

Productive. 3. Open.