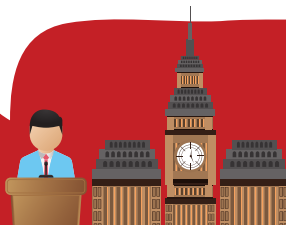


# COVID-19 AND 'FAKE NEWS'

First off, we're going to avoid using the term "fake news." The parliamentary committee on digital, culture, media and sport (DCMS) in the United Kingdom recommended against using "fake news" in favour of more specific terms:

**"The term 'fake news' is bandied around with no clear idea of what it means, or agreed definition. The term has taken on a variety of meanings, including a description of any statement that is not liked or agreed with by the reader. We recommend that the Government rejects the term 'fake news,' and instead puts forward an agreed definition of the words 'misinformation' and 'disinformation.'"**



# ***DEFINITIONS:***

## **MISINFORMATION**

Information that is false but not created with the intention of causing harm.

## **DISINFORMATION**

Information that is false and deliberately created to harm a person, social group, organisation or country.



# Activity 1: COVID-19 stories, real or false?



Utilise your 'how to spot false news' infographic and research this claim!

# COVID-19 stories, real or false?



According to BBC News, Putin has yet to announce any sort of lockdown or shelter-in-place measures and therefore has no need for this fictional lion brute squad.

# Was 'Coronavirus' Replaced with 'Chinese Virus' in Trump's Notes?



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Those images were authentic. The original, official photograph was taken by Botsford (Washington Post photographer) himself and published by the Getty Images agency on March 19.

# Will a hairdryer stop COVID-19?



Utilise your 'how to spot false news' infographic and research this claim!

# No, a Hair Dryer Won't Stop Coronavirus



No reputable medical professionals or institutions recommend people breathe hot air to kill the coronavirus. Viruses make you sick on a cellular level which is not easily stopped by something like hot air.



# Activity 2: VENN DIAGRAM

Create a Venn diagram with words and phrases association with what is real news and what is false news.

