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PART A Group Interaction

This article appeared on a blogger's webpage:

Fake News: There's a LOT of it about

A few years ago, lots of people online were talking about a video they'd seen about chicken McNuggets. The video said that chicken McNuggets were not made from real chicken, but something pink and horrible – people were so upset by the pictures that they said they'd never ever eat chicken McNuggets again.

However, these images were fake because a while ago, I watched another video about how chicken McNuggets are actually made – and they are totally made from chicken.

I realise it's super-easy to post made-up stuff, sometimes even fake news, on the internet. I also know anyone with a camera can make a fake film that anyone – especially those who don't go online very much – will believe. They'll say they saw it "all over the internet", therefore it must be true.

I think if we believe everything we read online, whether it's on Facebook, YouTube, or any other forum, without asking questions or thinking deeply about it, then we have a big problem. We need to double-check what we read online, and teach others to question what they read online, too.

It's scary that we live in an age when anyone with access to the internet can publish their own "news". This is why journalism has become so important. A good journalist can protect us all from misinformation.

Your group has to prepare a debate with the motion 'The internet should be censored because it encourages fake news.' You may want to talk about:

- arguments for the motion
- arguments against the motion
- which side would be easier to argue
- anything else you think is important

PART B Individual Response

1. What do you use the internet for?
2. Do you watch news on TV or on the internet?
3. Why do people spend so much time on the internet?
4. Do you trust everything you read on the internet?
5. Do you trust information in a newspaper more than on the internet?
6. What problems does fake news cause?
7. How can we raise people's awareness about fake news?
8. Should governments control what is on the internet?

Note Grid – Your Notes for the Discussion

1. arguments for the motion	2. arguments against the motion
3. which side would be easier to argue	4. anything else you think is important

Note Grid – Your Notes for Part B Individual Response Questions

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