

Opinion vs Fact



1. As the pupils enter

Have the **webpage open**. Play your chosen music and display the image **Opinion vs Fact** if needed.

2. Introduction

Begin by telling the assembly that you heard something really amazing yesterday and you can't wait to share it with them. Tell them some exciting (false) news related to your own school - eg Mrs Smith is moving to Australia...or the head teacher has decided to build a swimming pool in the playground.

Wait for your primed colleague or pupil to challenge you and ask you where you heard it. Explain that you overheard someone talking about it on the playground yesterday, so it must be true, right? Perhaps you could then explain that maybe you misheard. Or maybe Mrs Smith was just saying she would like to go to Australia one day and you misunderstood.

Link to the video by saying that it's easy to mistake something that isn't true for something that is - and that's what the pupils in the video are trying to explore.

3. Play the video

The duration is 3' 09". Final words: '...spread false information.'

4 & 5. Time to talk

If you didn't pause the video at key points to answer the questions with your assembly, you could do so now: Up is the opposite of down / Facts are true / Zoos are good for animals / Human actions are causing climate change / True is the opposite of false / You should always listen to adults. Or ask some of your own examples of 'opinion vs fact'.

Return to the conversation at the start of the assembly and explain that you shouldn't have shared the news if you weren't absolutely sure it wasn't true first. You should have checked first.

Link to video page



6. Opportunity to sing

If the assembly is to include a song you could sing it now.

7. Opportunity to reflect

Invite pupils to close their eyes and think about the importance of what they have heard today... and the things they will take away from it.

8. Opportunity for prayer

Use your normal form of address ('Dear God' etc) and:
*Help us to know when things we read or hear are true...
 When they are opinion...and when they are false.
 Help us to be truthful and honest at all times.
 Amen.*