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STUDENT HANDOUT

GREEN LEVEL
MORE SUPPORT

Fact-Checker Training

Grades 3–4

ADMIT ONE

NAME

DATE

CLASS

Optical illusions show us that our eyes can be tricked. If pictures can fool us by accident, some people might try to fool us on purpose. But we can learn to spot tricks!

PART 1

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My Fact-Checker Checklist

Before I believe or share something, I will:

STOP

Take a breath before sharing

CHECK

Who made this? Is the source trustworthy?

SEARCH

Can I find this somewhere else?

ASK

Check with a parent or teacher

TRUST YOUR GUT

Does it seem too good to be true?

PART 2

O2

Practice: What Should I Do?

Read each situation. Circle the best Fact-Checker Rule to use:

1. You see a funny video of a famous person acting silly.

BEST RULE:

STOP

CHECK

SEARCH

ASK

TRUST YOUR GUT

2. A website says “FREE iPhone! Click Now!”

BEST RULE:

STOP

CHECK

SEARCH

ASK

TRUST YOUR GUT

3. Your friend texts you something surprising about your school.

BEST RULE:

STOP

CHECK

SEARCH

ASK

TRUST YOUR GUT

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PART 3

Write It In Your Own Words

Pick your two favorite Fact-Checker Rules and explain them in your own words:

Rule 1: _____ means...

Rule 2: _____ means...

MINI MUSEUM CONNECTION

When you visit the Mini Museum, look for the stereoscope—a machine from 1904 that makes flat pictures look 3D! People were amazed by this “magic.” Now you know: it’s not magic, it’s a trick on your eyes!

minimuseumproject.org/exhibitions/seeing-is-deceiving/illusions

SHARE WITH YOUR FAMILY

Teach your family the 5 Fact-Checker Rules! Ask them: “Have you ever seen something online that turned out to be fake?”

Family Challenge: Find one optical illusion online together. Talk about how it tricks your eyes!

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PART 4

Draw It!

Draw a picture of yourself being a Fact-Checker:

DRAW HERE

