Lesson 2: What is an urban legend?

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What is an urban legend?

Urban legends are usually fake, but they are plausible stories for the narrator that people passed on to each other.

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Global Web

With the help of the Global Web, urban legends are trending among the internet users. They are constantly updated and adapted, maintaining their relevance.

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The most well-known examples are "Blue Whale", "Momo" and "Smile Dog".

Urban legends also simply entertain people. Sharing them is an important form of social activity.

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Psychology

From a psychological point of view, fake news affect people in the same way as urban legends. We are motivated to believe information that confirms our views and view these opinions as definitely true.

How urban legends are created

Urban legends typically combine secondhand narratives, such as those heard from "a friend of a friend," with contemporary settings and familiar everyday objects, such as shopping malls or automobiles the term urban legend began appearing in folklore studies in the mid-20th century, and it was used to describe the genre of modern "too good to be true" stories shared through oral

Urban legends are:

1. usually fake

2. true

3. jokes

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The end of the second lesson

On the next lesson you will learn about the story of Bunnyman

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