



Interactive Exercise: The "School News" Scenario

Objective: To quickly apply critical thinking (source verification) in a simulated panic situation.

Scenario presented (projected or on a worksheet):

Title: URGENT! The Museum Trip Has Been Canceled!

Source: A strange message, written in capital letters on the class chat group, sent by a student who says they "heard it from their older sister."

Key Detail: The trip was scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, and everyone was very excited. The student who sent the message is known for being a joker.

Questions for you, detectives:

1. Who provided the news? (Reliable source or not?)
2. Where should we check the information IMMEDIATELY? (Where are OFFICIAL news about trips posted?)
3. What happens if you quickly spread the news without checking?

Method of work:

1. Students are given 5 minutes in pairs to answer the three questions on the worksheet.
2. The teacher chooses a "Chief Detective" student who will call (simulated) the **Official Source** (i.e., the whiteboard, where the teacher has already prepared a written message like: "The trip is on as planned! OFFICIAL information comes only from the teacher/administrator/school website.").
3. **Conclusion:** Emphasize: **Don't believe everything you see or hear, especially if it's important! Always check the source!**

This plan is much more concrete, uses a familiar framework (school, trip, chat group), and responsibly introduces the basic concept of disinformation (the risk of sharing false news) in a friendly and practical way.

