



## TRUE OR FALSE?

On Sunday afternoon, Teddy answers a knock on his office door. “Come in!” Duck, Goose and Swan march into the small office.

“Good to see you, Goose! Happy you’re here, Swan! Glad you came, Duck!” Teddy welcomes them all.

“Can we talk, Teddy?” Goose says. “I’m really worried!”

Duck says, “And I’m really worried too about Goose.”

“I’m not worried, just disgusted,” Swan says.

“What worries you, Goose?” Teddy asks. “What’s the problem?”

“I’m really worried that one day I’ll fly off the edge of the earth,” Goose responds.

“What do you mean?” Teddy asks “What’s the edge of the earth?”

“Since the earth is flat, there’s an end to it,” Goose says seriously. “What happens if I fly off the end?”

“But the earth is round. You know that you just keep flying around,” Teddy says, looking at Goose curiously. “Why do you think it’s flat?”

“I keep reading it on Cluck-Cluck and I saw it on the channel 99 news.” Goose explains. “Look at a map . . . the earth is flat. That’s what they keep repeating on social media.”

“All social media?” Teddy asks.

“No, I just look at the Cluck Cluck site. They have updates all the time” Goose says.

“I keep telling Goose he’s crazy to pay attention to all that stuff,” Duck says.

Swan says, “All you have to do is look at a globe to know it’s all a big lie.”

“Actually it’s disinformation that’s spread by social media,” Teddy says. “Based on no scientific evidence, only someone’s weird thinking.”

“I told him it’s stupid to believe such made-up stuff,” Swan said.

“And I told him I don’t want to fly around with him anymore,” Duck said.

“It’s important to understand what is true and what is false, to separate fact from fiction and fact from opinion in our digital world,” Teddy “concludes. “Disinformation can be dangerous!”

“In fact, you can Fact Check,” Swan suggests.

“Thank you, Teddy!” Goose says. “Now I don’t have to worry. I can fly anywhere around the World. I can even migrate if I want to.”

“Let’s all fly home together,’ Swan says to the others.

“Let’s go and have some lunch together,” Duck says.

“I’m glad you are friends again,” Teddy says smiling. “Birds of a feather flock together.”



**Do I automatically believe everything I see or read online? Do I recognize disinformation and fact-check it?**