

**Global View - Urban Legends** (C0360)

A: Have you read all these crazy things that are going on around the world?

B: What do you mean?

A: I was reading about how some people get tricked or drugged in their hotel rooms and have their organs removed! Then they are sold on the black market.

B: Don't tell me you actually believe all that? Don't be so gullible, they are just urban legends. They are just stories people make up to scare you.

A: Well, I was also reading about how some popular songs have subliminal or even satanic messages if you play them backwards! Can you believe that?

B: You really think an artist or songwriter is going to go through the trouble of putting subliminal or satanic messages in a song? Don't be so naive!

A: Well maybe you are right, but how about the story of how KFC has rows of headless chickens which are super grown in order to get bigger chickens faster!

B: Sounds a bit too far fetched to be true don't you think?

### Key Vocabulary

black market	<i>N</i>	any system in which goods are sold and bought illegally
gullible	<i>A</i>	easily believing something that is not true
urban legend	<i>N</i>	stories that are exaggerated or not true
make up	<i>P</i>	invent
subliminal	<i>N</i>	something that persuades in a subconscious way
satanic	<i>A</i>	relating to Satan or the devil
naive	<i>A</i>	having or showing a lack of experience, judgment,

far fetched	<i>A</i>	improbable; not naturally pertinent
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### Supplementary Vocabulary

Myth	<i>N</i>	an untrue story
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boogie man	<i>N</i>	a fictional being that scares children
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cynical	<i>A</i>	a person who believes that only selfishness motivates human actions
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grounded	<i>A</i>	quality of not letting emotions or impulses get the best of you
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realist	<i>N</i>	a person who tends to view or represent things as they really are.
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