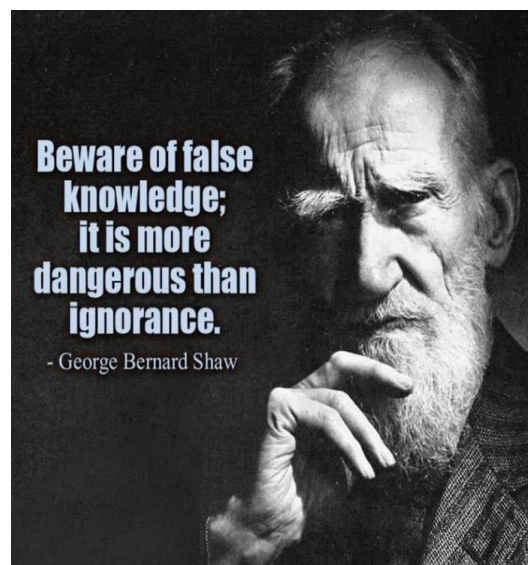


Doc 2: Spread like wildfire...



1. **Work in groups:** You and your group are in charge of the cartoon or the quote. Describe the picture
2. **Share your findings** with the rest of the class and fill in the grid



Listening grid

Doc 1	Doc 2
<p>K is missing : was withdrawn</p> <p>man : grinning/self-satisfied</p> <p>Spelling : similar, but different meaning</p> <p>easy to be conned/fooled</p> <p>When "like" / the thumbs-up : indication you approve of the message.</p> <p>→ contribute to spreading fake news : more legitimacy</p>	<p>False knowledge : incomplete or false.</p> <p>It can hurt people, ruin reputations, change people's vision of reality.</p> <p>On social media, this phenomenon is amplified.</p> <p>Fact-checking is important.</p>

VIDEO: 'Collins Dictionary announce their 2017 Word of the Year'

GENERAL COMPREHENSION

Listening 1)

a) People? Topic?

2 **newscasters** are delivering fake news stories

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DONE.....

DETAILED COMPREHENSION

b) PEOPLE : attitudes

Define the people's **attitude** and their **tone (how they speak and speak about the news)**.

The newscasters	Doubtful but assertive tones Upset/concerned : don't want to spread fake news End : composed.
The journalist at the back	Confirms veracity/news. But not supported by facts. Ludicrous/ridiculous, strange/outlandish content. Grotesque.

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DONE.....

c) What are the fake news in this bulletin?

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DONE.....

d) Consequences?

.....DONE.....

Methodology : Understanding Humour.

Watch the extract again. Pick up humoristic comments or situations (that are funny or provoke smiles or laughter) Quote the characters if possible.

1. *The man stands on the table : his attitude is strange/funny/unexpected.*

2. *his laughter : excessive, very loud*

3. *the tissue around his collar : it makes him look ridiculous (like a baby's bib)*

4. *the news : "the effects of climate change could reverse within five years" "the ocean is too wet" etc... Impossible !*

Humour is often born from a gap between what is said and what you would expect (what people would "normally/usually" do or say)

1	A newscaster : normally serious and self-composed, here ludicrous attitude
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2	We feel <i>embarrassed/ ill-at-ease /uncomfortable</i> watching him : <i>overacting</i> . His laughter : not authentic/ <i>genuine</i> . He seems to have lost his mind
3	Tissue around his collar) : for make-up (not to stain) We can not take him seriously.
4	<i>Nonsense, meaningless</i>

Match the definitions and their corresponding meaning :

particular aspects of a subject are exaggerated to create a silly or comic effect	• Irony
particular aspects of a subject are exaggerated to create a silly or comic effect to the point the character/situation does not look realistic/possible.	• Black humour
A type of writing which provokes smiles or laughter. It is related to the perception of absurd in people and situations.	• caricature
Using words that express the opposite of what is meant. It can be humourous or satirical.	• grotesque
Using morbid situations to create a comic effect	• humour

Keeping in mind these definitions and the video/text, try to answer the following questions :

-The news bulletin is grotesque becauseDONE.....

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-The representation of the news is caricaturalDONE.....

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YOUR TASK

Written expression

Giving my opinion : Can humour help convey a message ? (60-80 words)

