

Thinking Tool

FACT OR FICTION

Look at an event, news story or situation, individually, in small groups or as a class.

Identify the facts:

- List the facts that stand out as clear
- List the facts that need to be checked

What are the thoughts and feelings of the people involved in the event, news story or situation?

- List the thoughts and feelings that are clear and obvious
- List the thoughts and feelings that you may hear or observe but are unsure of and you would need to check

Then come to a conclusion about the event or story and provide reasons for your conclusion.

Alternatively you can:

- Draw a large version of the grid below on the board and have the class write their thoughts on sticky notes and then put them in the appropriate quadrant
- When the grid is complete, as a class reach a conclusion on the event, news story or situation. Include your reasons in the Conclusion section

CLEAR

FACTS

NEEDS TO BE CHECKED

FACTS

CLEAR

THOUGHTS
AND
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CONCLUSION - what are the reasons for this conclusion?