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## Third Grade News Detective Challenge

Evidence evaluation, impact analysis, and perspective taking. Develop the critical thinking needed to separate community facts from personal opinions in modern reporting.

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**1. A city is building a new park but must cut down ten old trees to do it. Neighbors are upset, but the mayor says the park helps more people. This conflict is best described as:**

- A. A local issue with competing points of view
- B. An international trade agreement
- C. A national law about oxygen levels
- D. A weather report about forest growth

**2. If a journalist writes an article about a new school lunch law but only interviews students who hate broccoli, the article might have \_\_\_\_.**

- A. perfect balance
- B. bias
- C. no sources
- D. international impact

**3. To analyze a current event correctly, you should check more than one news source to see if they report the same facts.**

- A. True
- B. False

**4. A new law requires all cars in the country to use a special filter to stop pollution. This action is most likely a:**

- A. Personal opinion
- B. Local neighborhood rule
- C. National policy change
- D. Global sports event

**5. When we study how a drought in Australia affects the price of bread in England, we are analyzing \_\_\_\_ issues.**

- A. local
- B. unimportant
- C. national
- D. international

**6. In news analysis, wait times for a local bus are just as important to analyze as a global space mission, depending on who the audience is.**

- A. True

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B. False

**7. Which question is most helpful for evaluating the 'impact' of a new robotic surgery tool being used in city hospitals?**

- A. What color is the robot?
- B. Who is the inventor's favorite author?
- C. How many patients will this help compared to old methods?
- D. Does the robot have a funny name?

**8. A news story that includes data from scientists and quotes from three different experts is using \_\_\_\_\_ to support its claims.**

- A. evidence
- B. rumors
- C. imagination
- D. advertising

**9. Two countries agree to share water from a river that runs through both of them. This is an example of:**

- A. A local school board vote
- B. Global cooperation on resources
- C. A national weather emergency
- D. Individual bias

**10. If a news headline uses 'scary' words to make you feel afraid, it is likely trying to inform you with scientific facts.**

- A. True
- B. False