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Raw Facts, Real Decisions: 6th Grade Data Literacy Quiz

Learners distinguish between reliable evidence and digital noise by analyzing real-world scenarios involving local sports stats and school cafeteria trends.

1. A local track team wants to know the average speed of 6th graders. Which source would provide the most reliable data for this specific goal?

- A. A blog post about Olympic runners from 2012
- B. A social media poll asking people what their favorite sport is
- C. Results from the school's official physical fitness testing records
- D. A fictional story about a student who runs very fast

2. Data literacy only involves numbers and math calculations.

- A. True
- B. False

3. When a student organizes their science fair digital photos into a folder named 'Experiment_Photos_March', they are practicing data _____.

- A. Management
- B. Invention
- C. Creation
- D. Deletion

4. You see a chart showing that ice cream sales and shark attacks both go up in July. What is the most logical way to use this data?

- A. Conclude that eating ice cream causes shark attacks
- B. Conclude that sharks are attracted to ice cream shops
- C. Stop selling ice cream to save lives at the beach
- D. Recognize that both are likely related to warmer summer weather

5. Checking to see if a website ending in '.gov' or '.edu' provides more trustworthy information is a way of _____ data.

- A. Ignoring
- B. Evaluating
- C. Deleting
- D. Hiding

6. A dataset with many missing entries or 'null' values is considered high-quality data.

- A. True
- B. False

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7. Which of these is an example of 'finding data' for a project about local bird migrations?

- A. Drawing a picture of a bird from memory
- B. Looking up bird sighting logs on the National Audubon Society website
- C. Writing a poem about how birds fly
- D. Naming a pet bird 'Bluey'

8. If a school cafeteria uses a bar graph of sandwich sales to decide what to cook next week, they are _____ data to solve a problem.

- A. Using
- B. Losing
- C. Guessing
- D. Encrypting

9. Labeling digital files clearly is a part of responsible data management.

- A. True
- B. False

10. Why would a researcher look at data from 1,000 students instead of just 5 students when studying sleep habits?

- A. Because smaller groups are always more accurate
- B. Because they want to finish the project faster
- C. A larger sample size provides a more accurate picture of the whole group
- D. Numbers larger than 100 are easier to add