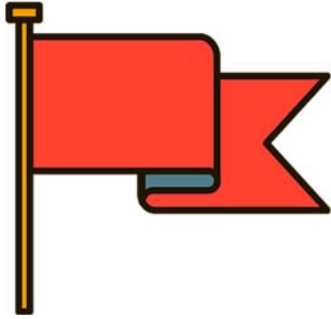Name _____

Red Flag Radar

Directions: Read the passage below carefully. Look for **red flags** that might signal misinformation, exaggeration, or manipulation. **Underline** the suspicious parts of the text. After reading, **list** at least three red flags you found and **explain** why they make the passage less credible.

A website called *HealthMiracleNow.com* recently posted an article claiming that drinking a glass of lemon water each morning can cure every disease known to humanity. The article stated that thousands of doctors secretly know this but refuse to admit it because "big medicine companies want to stay rich." It also promised that readers who follow the routine will lose 20 pounds in just two weeks without exercise. The website included dramatic before-and-after photos, but no names of researchers, scientific studies, or trustworthy organizations were mentioned. At the bottom of the article, there was a link to buy a $49 "miracle detox kit," which the author insisted was "the only way to guarantee success."

Identify **at least three red flags** in the passage. Explain why each one reduces the credibility of the source.

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