

Breaking News or Breaking Logic? Answer Key

1. "AI Tutor Helps Every Student Get Straight A's in Just One Month!"

Best Answer: B - It sounds exaggerated; I'd want to see what evidence or study supports this claim.

Reasoning: Headlines promising *perfect results* are usually misleading or based on limited data. Real education improvements take time and depend on many factors. Students should check whether the article cites credible studies, independent reviews, or data beyond company marketing.

Verification Strategies: Look up the study, school, or company mentioned.

Check if multiple reputable education sources report similar findings.

Ask: Who benefits if people believe this claim?

2. "Tech Company Confirms AI Can Read Your Mind Using Brain Waves."

Best Answer: B - Be skeptical; check whether this comes from a credible science journal or just a social media post.

Reasoning: Claims about "mind reading" are often exaggerated versions of brain-computer interface research. There's some truth (AI can detect patterns in brain activity), but not actual mind reading. Students should question vague scientific claims and look for peer-reviewed evidence.

Verification Strategies: Search for the study in academic journals. Check if respected science news outlets (like *Nature* or *Scientific American*) covered it. Identify if the "tech company" is credible or known for hype.

3. "AI Chatbot Writes Poem So Beautiful That Humans Weep."

Best Answer: A - It's artistic, but I'd want to read the poem myself and see who's making the claim.

Reasoning: This headline uses emotion to grab attention. It may be based on a real poem, but the reaction ("humans weep") is subjective. Students should separate facts (AI wrote a poem) from opinions (it caused tears).

Verification Strategies: Find the original poem or event. Look at who is quoted and what evidence supports the reaction. Compare coverage from multiple outlets.

4. "Government Replaces All Teachers with Artificial Intelligence."

Best Answer: B - Probably false; check for credible education sources or government announcements.

Reasoning: This headline is almost certainly fake or satirical. Governments are experimenting with AI tools in classrooms, but replacing teachers entirely would be major global news. It's likely designed to spark outrage or clicks.

Verification Strategies: Check the domain (is it a parody site or an unreliable outlet?). Look for official education department statements. Compare to reputable news sources like *BBC*, *Reuters*, or *Education Week*.