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Rumor Drop: Watch the Story Change

Directions - Follow the rumor from top to bottom. At each step:

1. **Underline what changed or was added.**
2. Put a ★ beside any person who could have stopped the rumor.
3. At the bottom, answer the questions.

1. What actually happened - At lunch, **Jalen told Priya he might miss Friday's basketball game because he had a dentist appointment.**

2. Priya texts Mateo - "Jalen said he may not be at the game Friday."

What changed or was added? _____

3. Mateo posts in a small group chat - "Jalen probably isn't playing Friday."

What changed or was added? _____

4. Tessa replies - "I heard Jalen is quitting the team."

What changed or was added? _____

5. Rowan sends a screenshot to another chat - "Jalen quit because he is mad at the coach."

What changed or was added? _____

6. Amari tells classmates before practice

"Jalen and the coach had a huge fight, so Jalen walked off the team."

What changed or was added? _____

7. A fake post appears - "BREAKING: Jalen got kicked off the team after yelling at the coach."

What changed or was added? _____

THE RESULT - By the end of the day, students are messaging Jalen, asking why he was kicked off the team. Jalen feels embarrassed and confused because none of it is true.

STOP THE DROP

1. At which step did the message first become inaccurate? Step: _____

2. Circle the best place to stop the rumor: 2 3 4 5 6 7

3. Write one message someone could send to stop it.

" _____ "