

CASE · PHOTO

C-01

A purple squirrel in the town park

TOO PERFECT: Glowing fur, perfect light, a dreamy blur behind it. SOURCE: An account that posts a new amazing animal every hour.

Call REAL, MADE or CHECK FIRST. Back it with one clue.

Hi, Bot

CASE · VOICE · HIGH STAKES

C-02

Cousin's voice: "Send money now"

ARTIFACTS: Sounds exactly like your cousin, even the laugh. CONTEXT: A number you don't know, and they need it right now.

High stakes: CHECK FIRST scores 2.

Hi, Bot

CASE · PHOTO

C-03

A double rainbow over the school roof

TOO PERFECT: Not perfect at all: tilted, and a bus is in the way. SOURCE: On the school's own page, which posts every week.

Call REAL, MADE or CHECK FIRST. Back it with one clue.

Hi, Bot

CASE · VIDEO · HIGH STAKES

C-04

A famous singer giving away free tickets

ARTIFACTS: The lips are a tiny bit out of step with the words. SOURCE: An ad from a page called Ticket Deals 4U. CONTEXT: It asks you to type in a grown-up's card number.

High stakes: CHECK FIRST scores 2.

Hi, Bot

CASE · SCREENSHOT

C-05

Headline: school shut all week

ARTIFACTS: The logo and the letters look exactly right. SOURCE: Posted by @CityNews_Official. Sounds like the news. CONTEXT: Just a picture of a headline. No link to the story.

Call REAL, MADE or CHECK FIRST. Back it with one clue.

Hi, Bot

CASE · PHOTO

C-06

A hailstone as big as a grapefruit

TOO PERFECT: Way too big to be true. SOURCE: Shared by the weather service, with the town and time.

Call REAL, MADE or CHECK FIRST. Back it with one clue.

Hi, Bot

CASE · VIDEO

C-07

A dog that seems to say "hello"

ARTIFACTS: The video is grainy, and it jumps. SOURCE: The dog's owner has years of videos of the same dog.

Call REAL, MADE or CHECK FIRST. Back it with one clue.

Hi, Bot

CASE · VOICE

C-08

Your coach's voicemail: "Practice moved to 5"

ARTIFACTS: Sounds just like Coach, cough and all.
CONTEXT: Practice got rained out yesterday, so a change fits.

Call REAL, MADE or CHECK FIRST. Back it with one clue.

Hi, Bot

CASE · PHOTO

C-09

The new skate park, opening Saturday

TOO PERFECT: Every rail shines, every kid smiles, the sky is perfect. ARTIFACTS: One skateboard's wheels melt into the ground. CONTEXT: "Opens Saturday!!" but no date and no address.

Call REAL, MADE or CHECK FIRST. Back it with one clue.

Hi, Bot

CASE · VIDEO · HIGH STAKES

C-10

A kid from another school, embarrassed

ARTIFACTS: It looks totally real. No glitches you can see.

SOURCE: Forwarded in a group chat. Nobody says who made it.

High stakes: CHECK FIRST scores 2.

Hi, Bot

CASE · PHOTO

C-11

A bright blue lobster caught off the coast

TOO PERFECT: Blue like a plastic toy. SOURCE: Shared by the aquarium that took it in, with the fisher's name.

Call REAL, MADE or CHECK FIRST. Back it with one clue.

Hi, Bot

CASE · PHOTO

C-12

A huge line at the new taco truck

ARTIFACTS: Two faces at the back are strange and blurry.

CONTEXT: Posted on opening day, the day the truck said it would open.

Call REAL, MADE or CHECK FIRST. Back it with one clue.

Hi, Bot

CHECK · WHAT CHECKING FOUND

K-01

Case 1: MADE

No park, wildlife group or local news has it. That account's other animals have six toes.

Held up: Too perfect, Source.

Hi, Bot

CHECK · WHAT CHECKING FOUND

K-02

Case 2: MADE

You call your cousin's real number. They're at practice and sent nothing. A few seconds of video is enough to copy a voice.

Held up: Context. Fooled you: Artifacts.

Hi, Bot

CHECK · WHAT CHECKING FOUND

K-03

Case 3: REAL

Three families posted the same rainbow from different spots that afternoon.

Held up: Too perfect, Source.

Hi, Bot

CHECK · WHAT CHECKING FOUND

K-04

Case 4: MADE

The singer's own page warns fans about this ad. Their face and voice were copied with AI.

Held up: Artifacts, Source, Context.

Hi, Bot

CHECK · WHAT CHECKING FOUND

K-05

Case 5: MADE

The real news site has no such story, and its account has a different name. The school site says open.

Held up: Context. Fooled you: Artifacts, Source.

Hi, Bot

CHECK · WHAT CHECKING FOUND

K-06

Case 6: REAL

A local TV station talked to the person who took it, and two neighbors posted hail just as big.

Held up: Source. Fooled you: Too perfect.

Hi, Bot

CHECK · WHAT CHECKING FOUND

K-07

Case 7: REAL

Other people filmed the same dog doing it at a dog show.
Grainy just means an old phone.

Held up: Source. Fooled you: Artifacts.

Hi, Bot

CHECK · WHAT CHECKING FOUND

K-08

Case 8: REAL

The team's group chat says the same thing. Same clue as
Case 2, opposite answer.

Held up: Artifacts, Context.

Hi, Bot

CHECK · WHAT CHECKING FOUND

K-09

Case 9: MADE

The city's page says that spot is still a parking lot.
Someone made a picture of what it might look like.

Held up: Too perfect, Artifacts, Context.

Hi, Bot

CHECK · WHAT CHECKING FOUND

K-10

Case 10: MADE

The kid was at a family wedding that day. Someone made it with an app. Sharing it hurts a real person.

Held up: Source. Fooled you: Artifacts.

Hi, Bot

CHECK · WHAT CHECKING FOUND

K-11

Case 11: REAL

Blue lobsters are rare but real. Two news sites talked to the fisher who caught it.

Held up: Source. Fooled you: Too perfect.

Hi, Bot

CHECK · WHAT CHECKING FOUND

K-12

Case 12: REAL

The truck's own page and a local food blog posted the same line. Blurry faces were people walking.

Held up: Context. Fooled you: Artifacts.

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