Summary

A brief irregular conversation between middle school students projecting how easily careless exchange of information can lead to serious misinformation

Pupils can, under the guidance of the teacher, adapt the activity.

Indicative ideas:

• Turn on the dialog, record and present it

• Take the dialogue and adjust the names accordingly (who says what). This helps us to understand the "arguments" and grow empathy through understanding. [There are

more than one correct solution to this.]

• Discuss and identify the roles played by each speaker: who simply

accepts, who stands critically, who transmits without control, who suffers the

Consequences

• Discuss and identify how misinformation was created innocently, but carelessly and unintentionally by the students themselves

• Discuss the (post-cognitive) skills and attitudes required to

avoiding such situations

• Modify the dialogue (different outcome).

• Present a similar dialogue in a social network

• Write dialogues that can lead to similar situations

Example: Have you heard? Schools are being abolished !

Ant: I read it on the internet!

Dam: There’s no way!

Mar: Actually I received such thing on Facebook as well

Ant: I was the one who sent it to you Maria, after Giorgos had sent it to me which he found out about it from Despina

Gio: Yes, it’s everywhere Facebook, Instagram, twitter.

Ellie: I heard about it too and I’m not even registered in Facebook, we talked about it in my friend group

Dam: There’s no way schools will be abolished and only take classes online. What are you talking about?

Mar: And yet that's what they're going to do in Finland, which has the best schools.

Stel: We are no Finland, nevertheless, let schools get abolished, online lessons are just fine.

Ant: We will become the next Finland! We won’t need to go to school,

They will be able to teach us over the phone while we can be whenever

we want as long as it has a network. At home, at the mall, at the cafe, wherever we want.

Gio: Yes , and most probably tests,exams; all.

Dim: And whoever does’t have the means, laptop, troubles with the wifi and such?

Des: My mom who is a high school assistant director said they will provide as all with a laptop, so they are planning to abolish schools.

Ellie: Good. I need a laptop, I can’t do all that from just my phone.

Dam: Wait a minute: Finland’s got the best schools-ok. Will they share laptops to every single one of us here in Cyprus Despina?

Des: No, only to those who receive the minimum guaranteed income and have no

laptop.

Soph: Minimum guaranteed income, minimum guaranteed laptop, minimum guaranteed

education, someone wrote in a chat yesterday.

 Dam: Good, so they will give out laptop to anyone who don’t have and can’t afford one. How do we know that in Finland schools will be abolished as well? Maria?

Mar: I don’t know, that's what I understood from what Andreas told me. Andrea?

Ant: I said nothing about Finland, I only said about Cyprus, Giorgos was the one who sent it to me and later on I liked and shared it. Giorgo?

Gio: I posted it because Despina told me who didn’t want to share it through her page so it wouldn’t get her mum in trouble.

Des: So, from a draft information that laptops might be given to

students who do not own one, we reached 82 likes and 23 shares in the so-called news

that schools in Cyprus are now being abolished and regardless the pandemic we will have classes through TEAMS! While Dimitris and Maria are arguing in the comments whether this is a good or a bad thing. This is a joke!

Soph: Yes, a big fight occurred between us since the other day.

Mar: Let’s pick up the pieces now

Stel: That’s impossible. What happens on the internet stays on the internet. Even if you delete it from your account, others have taken it, have sent it to others, it’s gone, it’s been spread.

Des: What you’re saying is that we’ve created misin… What’s it called;

Dim: It’s called misinformation, but why did you make me fight with Maria?Okay we drew attention and likes. With Maria not talking to me and unfriending me because I called her an idiot for wanting to go to school, what are we going to do about that?

ANTIbodies in MISINformation

Activity that can be adapted to different thematic and depending on the interests and age category of the participants. Recommended for students from elementary and high school.

Time required: Customizable activity starting at 30