

1. "Fortnite Streamer Ninja Reveals He Made \$5 Million in One Month During Peak Popularity"

Source: CNBC.com

Author: Sarah Whitten

Date: March 19, 2019

URL: <https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/19/fortnite-ninja-earnings-million-dollars.html>

✗ Incorrect – This article is REAL

This story is REAL, but the URL is wrong! The article exists but at a different URL. If you Googled the headline, you'd find multiple sources confirming Ninja discussed his massive earnings with CNBC.

💡 **Lateral Reading Tip:** Broken links don't mean fake news. Always Google the headline to verify the story exists elsewhere.

2. "Instagram Admits Algorithm Shows More Posts from Accounts You Don't Follow Than Friends" ✓

Source: TechCrunch

Author: Sarah Perez

Date: June 9, 2023

URL: <https://techcrunch.com/2023/10/17/instagram-head-says-threads-blocking-of-covid-and-related-terms-is-temporary-to-lift-in-weeks-or-months/>

✗ Incorrect – This article is FAKE

This is FAKE! The URL actually works and goes to a real TechCrunch article by Sarah Perez about Instagram, but the content is completely different from what's described here.

💡 **Lateral Reading Tip:** Always read the actual article! A working link doesn't mean the citation is accurate. The content must match the claim.

3. "Billie Eilish Becomes Youngest Artist to Win All Four Major Grammy Categories in One Night" ✓

Source: Rolling Stone

Author: Daniel Kreps

Date: January 27, 2020

URL: <https://www.rollingstone.com/music/music-news/billie-eilish-2020-grammy-awards-recap-943644/>

✓ **Correct!**

This is REAL and the URL works! Billie Eilish made history by sweeping all four major Grammy categories in 2020. Multiple sources confirm this.

💡 **Lateral Reading Tip:** This is what a legitimate citation looks like. The story checks out across multiple credible sources.

4. "NBA Announces Plan to Eliminate Conference Divisions Starting 2024-25 Season"

Source: ESPN

Author: Adrian Wojnarowski

Date: July 14, 2023

URL: https://www.espn.com/nba/story/_/id/38104729/nba-conference-realignment-2024-season

✓ **Correct!**

This is FAKE! The NBA never announced this. The URL doesn't work and no credible sports sources report this story. Cross-checking with other news sites would show this never happened.

💡 **Lateral Reading Tip:** For major announcements like this, multiple sources would report it. If only one source has it, be suspicious!

5. "Apple Announces iPhone 15 Will Ditch Lightning Port for USB-C After EU Regulation" ✓

Source: The Verge

Author: Chaim Gartenberg

Date: September 12, 2023

URL: <https://www.theverge.com/2023/9/16/23872237/apple-iphone-15-usb-c-switch-guide>

✓ **Correct!**

This is REAL and the URL works! Apple did announce the iPhone 15 would switch to USB-C in 2023. This was widely reported across tech news outlets.

💡 **Lateral Reading Tip:** Major tech announcements like this appear across multiple credible sources. Cross-referencing confirms legitimacy.