

## EXAMPLE #1

This post appeared on Twitter. Is it true? What clues would make you want to dig deeper? How would you investigate further?

 BBC News (UK)  
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BREAKING: Buckingham Palace announces the death of Queen Elizabeth II at the age of 90. Circumstances are unknown. More to follow.



RETWEETS  
**236**

LIKES  
**59**



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From:

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/community/digital-lab/fake-news-quiz-how-to-spot/article33821986/>

## EXAMPLE #2

This post appeared online was widely shared on social media. What clues would make you want to dig deeper? How would you investigate further?

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## Gizmo Files Lawsuit Against Disney Over ‘Baby Yoda’, Claims Company Stole His Likeness

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**LOS ANGELES, California –**

*Gremlins* star Gizmo has filed a lawsuit in a Los Angeles superior court against Disney over their latest viral property, “Baby Yoda,” also known as The Child, from the hit Disney+ series *The Mandalorian*. Gizmo claims that Disney stole his likeness when they created the cute, cuddly character.

“My client is clearly the basis for the new Disney character affectionately known as Baby Yoda, and designers at Disney knew exactly what they were doing when they developed The Child’s final form,” said lawyer Chris Dante, who is representing Gizmo. “We are seeking damages for the extreme distress, loss of work, and emotional turmoil that Baby Yoda has caused my client. I am confident we have a strong case.”

Lawyers for Disney could not be reached for comment, but an anonymous employee who works on *The Mandalorian* said that there were draft notes that indicated Disney executives “very much” wanted to have a new character that “was 50% Yoda, 50% Gizmo, and 100% adorable.”

Gizmo first rose to fame in 1984 with his starring role in the Christmas-themed horror film *Gremlins*.

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<https://empirenews.net/gizmo-files-lawsuit-against-disney-over-baby-yoda-claims-company-stole-his-likeness/>

## EXAMPLE #3

This post on Instagram shows a laminated card that says it exempts the owner from "any ordinance requiring face mask usage in public." What clues would make you want to dig deeper? How would you investigate further?

**FACE MASK EXEMPT CARD**

I AM EXEMPT FROM ANY ORDINANCE REQUIRING FACE MASK USAGE IN PUBLIC.

Wearing a face mask poses a mental and/or physical risk to me. Under the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), I am not required to disclose my condition to you.

Department of Justice ADA Violation reporting number: (800) 514-0301

If found in violation of the ADA you could face steep penalties. Organizations and businesses can be fined up to \$75,000 for your first violation and \$150,000 for any subsequent violations.

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4,046 likes 2 DAYS AGO Add a comment... Post

From:

<https://slate.com/technology/2020/06/ada-exemption-face-mask-cards-utter-nonsense.html>

## EXAMPLE #4

This image of a raccoon hitching a ride on an alligator became a viral sensation. What clues would make you want to dig deeper? How would you investigate further?

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# Man captures photo of raccoon 'riding an alligator'

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A man walking in a national forest in central Florida has captured a rare image of a raccoon appearing to ride on the back of an alligator.

From:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-33143367>

## EXAMPLE #5

This image of a “30-foot crocodile” was shared on Twitter. Note the number of views! What clues would make you want to dig deeper? How would you investigate further?

 **Tansu YEĞEN**   
@TansuYegen

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This has to be the world's largest and a man-eating, 30-foot crocodile located in a Maine lake 



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232.3K views 0:21 / 0:45 🔍 ↗

12:13 PM · Jun 15, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

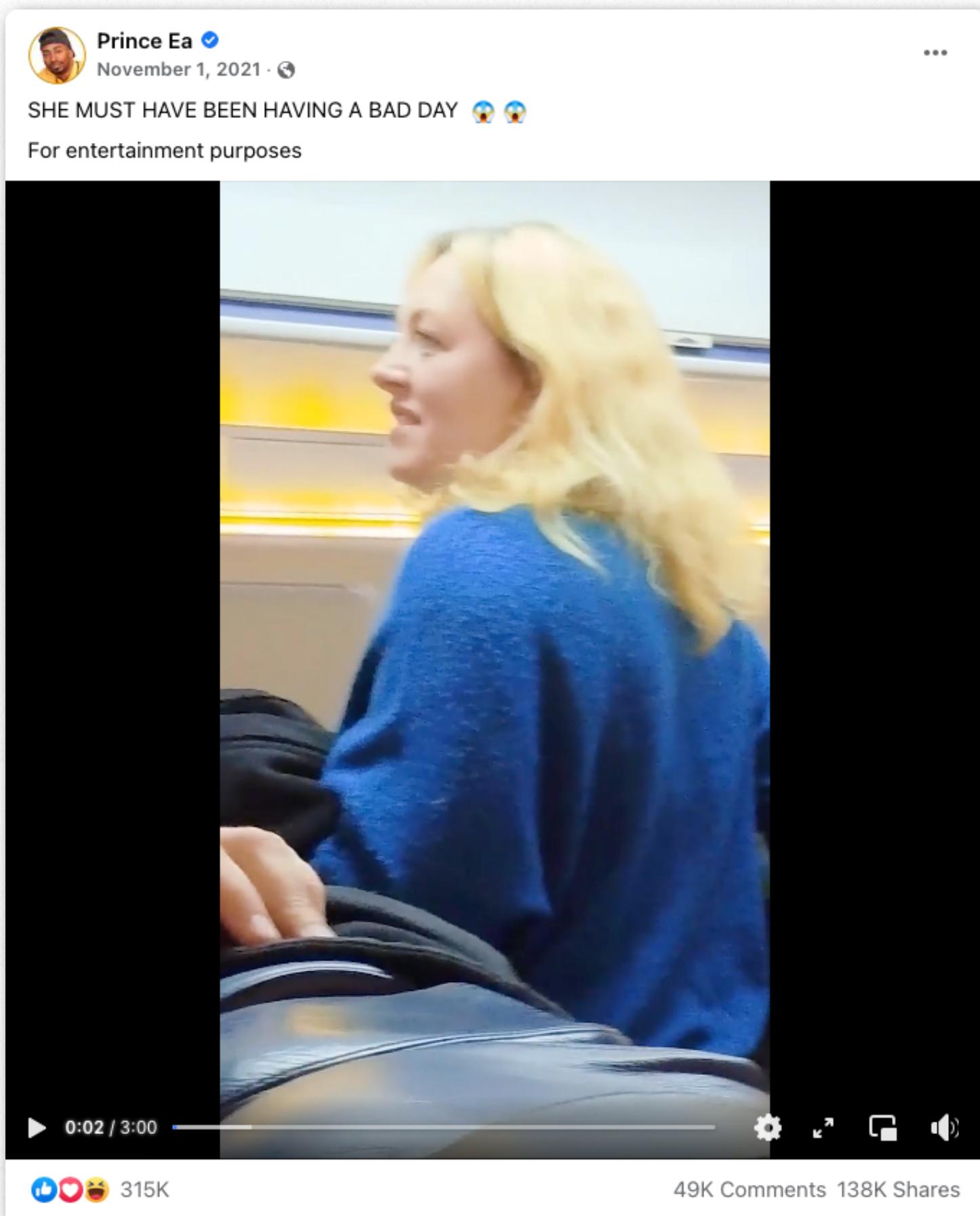
1,512 Retweets 177 Quote Tweets 5,778 Likes

From:

<https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/30-foot-long-man-eating-crocodile/>

## EXAMPLE #6

This video (play it in Slides)— which appeared on TikTok, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter—went viral on social media. It shows a maskless woman having a tantrum on an airplane because she is being forced to sit next to a man she presumes is unvaccinated. What clues would make you want to dig deeper? How would you investigate further?



From:

[https://www.kdrv.com/archive/think-this-airplane-altercation-looks-fake-thats-because-it-is/article\\_dc4de71a-f297-5107-b9e1-87545c42453c.html](https://www.kdrv.com/archive/think-this-airplane-altercation-looks-fake-thats-because-it-is/article_dc4de71a-f297-5107-b9e1-87545c42453c.html)



## TERMS TO KNOW

### **"FAKE" NEWS**

A popular term that refers to news stories that are false.

### **SATIRE**

A form of communication that uses humor to poke fun or ridicule.

### **PARODY**

A humorous or mocking imitation of something.

### **HOAX**

A humorous or malicious deception.