

The Truth Machine

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A Before Reading

1 This story is about a machine that makes people tell the truth. What do you think? Is a truth machine:

evil?

good?

useful?

frightening?

wonderful?

Tick (✓) the words that you agree with.

2 Make two guesses about what will happen in the story. Write them down.

(a)

(b)

B While Reading

3 Read Chapter 1. Look at the four pictures on page 7. Choose one sentence from page 6 that tells you about each picture.

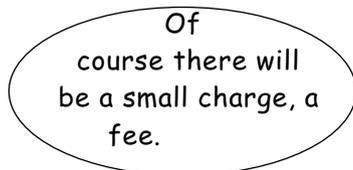
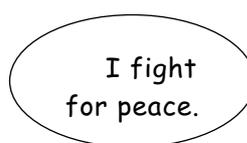
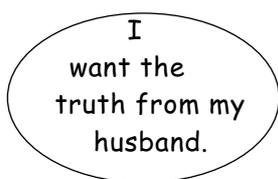
a) Top left: *He was on the television.*

b) Top right:

c) Bottom left:

d) Bottom right:

4 Read Chapter 2. Who said these things? Draw a line from the bubble to the correct speaker.



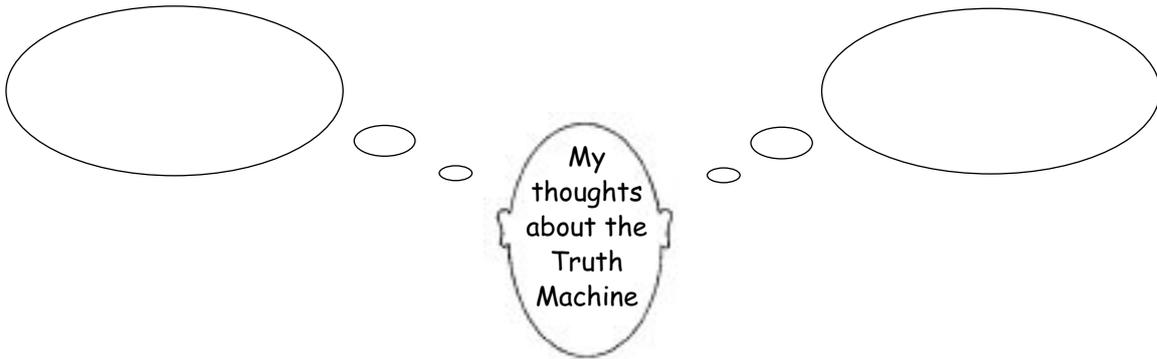
5 Read Chapter 3. Mrs Seeker, Inspector Sack and Dr Simple learned the truth.

a) Did the truth help: Mrs Seeker?

- Inspector Sack?
Dr Simple?
b) Did the truth help anybody?

C After Reading

- 6 You have read the book now. Look at your answer to question 1. Did you tick the correct words?
- 7 What do you think about this book? Was it interesting? Did you enjoy it? Write your ideas and questions in the bubbles.



- 8 You invent a strange machine. What does your machine do?