

WORKSHEET

anecdota

1 Find the information

Read the *BuzzWord* article on the word *anecdota* and answer the questions.

1. Where do we often find anecdota?
2. Is anecdota reliable? Why / Why not?
3. What does the word *anecdotal* mean?
4. What is an anecdote?
5. What word is historically the singular form of *data*?
6. Why is big data so difficult to deal with?

2 Comprehension check

Are these statements true (T) or false (F) according to the text?

1. The word *information* is very specific.
2. Most people read or hear anecdota every day.
3. The adjective *anecdotal* has been used for less than 100 years.
4. There is a singular form of the word *anecdota*.
5. Big data is related to use of the internet.
6. The world of technology is not interested in the issue of big data.

3 What do they mean?

Match the words from the text (1–8) with their definitions (a–h).

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| 1. hearsay | a. weak and likely to change |
| 2. open-ended | b. ideas or discussion about why something has happened or what might happen |
| 3. guise | c. a particular way of understanding or thinking about something |
| 4. speculation | d. without any limits |
| 5. slippery | e. clever but dishonest |
| 6. tenuous | f. the way that something or someone appears |
| 7. substantiate | g. to provide evidence that proves something |
| 8. perception | h. information that you have heard without having any proof that it is true |

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4 Odd one out

Circle one noun in each group that follows a different rule for plural formation.

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|-------------|--------|----------|--------|
| 1. leaf | belief | life | half |
| 2. path | box | match | wish |
| 3. analysis | crisis | emphasis | tennis |
| 4. mouse | foot | hand | man |
| 5. glasses | shorts | trousers | shoes |
| 6. hero | kilo | potato | tomato |
| 7. body | baby | boy | family |
| 8. goose | sheep | deer | fish |

5 Anecdotes

All the sentences are part of an anecdote. Write numbers in the boxes to put the sentences in the correct order.

- 1 I have to tell you about what happened last weekend!
- We left the theatre and went for a coffee nearby.
- On Saturday afternoon, we went to see a Shakespeare play at the Globe Theatre.
- At first, I wanted to get his autograph, but it was too crowded after the show.
- As we were watching, I noticed one of my favourite actors.
- I asked him to sign my programme and he let me take a picture of us on my phone.
- Then, as we were chatting, I suddenly noticed the actor walking past our table!
- I can't believe that I've finally met him!

Think of an experience that you had and tell your anecdote. Complete the notes below to help you.

The experience: _____

Where: _____ When: _____

Parts of the story:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____