



## TEACHER ANSWER KEY - BONUS LESSON – Grades 3–6 - Critical Thinking Characters: Mistakes & Media Master Moves



### PART 1 – Character Matching

Characters → Mistakes

1. **Scroll Zombie Zack** → C. Scrolls without thinking
2. **Captain Knee-Jerk** → D. Reacts too fast
3. **Re-Post Robot** → A. Shares everything without checking
4. **Meme Believer Cassy** → E. Thinks memes are facts
5. **Snap Judgement Sammy** → B. Jumps to conclusions

✓ All answers above are correct.



### PART 2 – Media Master Moves (Best Match)

- A. You feel mad and want to reply right away.  
→ **Pause and breathe**
- B. You want to share a meme but don't know if it's true.  
→ **Check before you share**
- C. You're about to post something unkind to get attention.  
→ **Be kind online**
- D. You see a confusing picture and aren't sure what's happening.  
→ **Be curious – ask questions**
- E. You've been scrolling for a long time without thinking.  
→ **Take a break**

✓ All five are correct.

## PART 3 – Helpful, Hurtful, or Untruthful?

Write **H**, **Hu**, or **U**.

1. “Check out this cool science link!” → **H** (Helpful)
2. “Look at this kid’s ugly drawing!” → **Hu** (Hurtful)
3. “BREAKING: Chocolate bars grow on trees!” → **U** (Untruthful)
4. “Here’s a video explaining a math trick that works.” → **H** (Helpful)
5. “Everyone avoid Maya — she’s weird.” → **Hu** (Hurtful)

✓ These categories reinforce Rule #4 (How Full Is It?)

## PART 4 – Fix the Bad Post (Sample Correct Answers)

**Student answers will vary.**

Look for responses that:

- Remove emotional manipulation
- Remove pressure to “share fast”
- Add curiosity or fact-checking
- Promote responsible posting

Acceptable examples:

- “Let’s check if this cat video is real before sharing it.”
- “This might be edited — we should look for proof first.”
- “Don’t share unless we know it’s true.”

✓ Any rewrite that adds THINK FIRST is correct.

## **PART 5 – Think Before You Click (Correct Checks)**

A Media Master should ask:

- ✓ “Is this emotional on purpose?”
- ✓ “Do I have to share this right now?”
- ✓ “Who posted this and why?”
- ✓ “Is there evidence or proof?”
- ✓ “Is this going to hurt someone?”

**Incorrect (should NOT be checked):**

- ✗ “Does this give me lots of likes?”
- ✓ This item teaches motivation awareness (“Who’s Getting the Candy?”)

## **PART 6 – Make Your Own Character (Optional)**