

Trusting Misinformation

Nowadays, SNS has become a necessary part of life. People use Instagram, TikTok, Line, and many other apps every day. Of course, SNS has many good points. For example, people can easily make friends all over the world. This means that people can practice speaking different languages and can easily learn about other cultures. Also, people can research information or learn about the news from SNS.

However, this can also be a bad point. SNS lets anybody post whatever they want, even if it's not true. When someone posts or says something that's not true, it's called "misinformation." Recently, misinformation has become a big problem. For example, after the Noto Earthquake, some people started to post that there were bad people robbing peoples' homes. Many people who had evacuated got very scared. They thought that someone was stealing their valuables. So people got angry and started to spread rumors. But it was misinformation. It was actually a telephone company trying to repair things. This fake news affected many people and caused many problems, including panic and stress.

Of course, this is not to say that SNS is always bad. But we need to remember that not all things on SNS are true. Misinformation is everywhere. So the next time we see something worrying on SNS, we should research to make sure it's true before we believe it. In this way, we can stop misinformation from causing bad effects for society.