

Guided Reading: Friday

1. Do you think the author of this text believes the conspiracy theories? Support your answer with evidence from the text.
2. Research the conspiracy theory that the moon landing in 1969 was faked. What evidence can you find to support both sides of the debate. Create an information page of what you find. Include:
 - Introduction explaining key info about the moon landings and what a conspiracy theory is
 - Why people believe the moon landing was fake
 - Evidence to support that they did happen

Scroll to the next page for an answer to question 1.

1. No.

The author uses adjectives such as 'outlandish' 'elaborate' and 'ridiculous' which makes fun of the theories and suggests they shouldn't be taken seriously.

When talking about how scientists have countered the points of the conspiracy theorists, the author uses the words 'of course' which suggests the scientists' views are inevitable.

When talking about Avril Lavigne the author says the 'evidence is shaky', reaffirming their distrust in it.

They also say 'But then, if she is really Melissa, fans argued, he would say that'. By saying 'fans argued' the author is distancing herself from the fans and suggesting she does not include herself within that group.

born out of Happening as a result	Tenacious Continuing with a firm opinion	fallen foul To get into trouble
gaining considerable traction Getting more popular/more people believing	Outlandish Sounding bizarre or unfamiliar	the evidence was shaky Not reliable
persistent Determined; not giving up easily	hand-in-hand Links together/closely related	Maintain Cause or enable to continue
Countered Respond to	under wraps Kept hidden/secret	Elaborate Involving many carefully arranged parts or details; complicated