

REAL OR FAKE?

Forgery means copying documents or things to cheat people and it is very common on the Internet because people want to earn more money and they are willing to do anything to cheat others. They often want to spend less, but they do bad actions, as a consequence you have to pay attention when you buy anything on the net.

The most forged products are: clothes, toys for children, technological and electronic products, food and medicines

There are five points to consider in order to recognise a forged product

- Look carefully at the site, check if it is harmless
- Pay particular attention to the price
- Look carefully at the label of the product you are going to buy
- Control the origin and the quality of the product
- Look carefully at the seams and finish of the object.

On 13 November 2019 students of the secondary school G. Bertolotti in Gavardo, in the north of Italy went to the theatre in the city of Brescia to see a play on forgery entitled: “Everything I am going to tell you is false” played by the actress Tiziana Di Masi, with the participation of the police officer Salvatore Russo. The message of the play was clear: Be careful when you buy anything.

It was a very instructive and informative experience. Students had the opportunity to learn about an urgent problem in a different way by watching a short play. This theatrical work underlines the business of forged products in the different economic fields (food, fashion, mechanics, medicines, videos, etc.). A small group of people earns a lot of money controlling the market of forged products. During the play the stage becomes a warehouse and the actress talks to the audience creating a multimedia show. Images of exploitation, police actions in illegal factories and warehouses together with an intense speech help the audience to learn, to touch, to realise the different aspects of this dangerous economic and social problem. It is a kind of journey through relevant pieces of evidence told by people who are victims or try to fight against this problem. Customers can fight forgery trying to take responsible decisions when they choose to buy anything.

Everyone should be able to make the right choices to build a better world!

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