

# Urban Legends

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## The voice message

Imagine you are listening to the following voice message that a friend has just sent you. How would you respond?



## Audio Content

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## Urban Legends

The story that the voice message refers to is an **urban legend**. Read the following infobox to learn more about this phenomenon.

### Urban Legends: Slenderman

Urban Legends are modern myths that are often passed off as true and frequently involve supernatural events or eerie figures. They spread through word of mouth or the internet and change over time.

**Example:** The legend of Slenderman is particularly well-known on the internet, especially in forums and social media platforms. It originated in 2009 from a post on the Something Awful forum. The legend describes Slenderman as a tall, faceless figure wearing a black suit, who stalks and abducts children. He is often depicted as having tentacle-like appendages and is said to lurk in forests or abandoned places.

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- Spread through word of mouth
- Often contain a moral lesson
- Include elements of horror or humor
- Usually presented as true stories
- Frequently involve common fears and anxieties
- Feature anonymous or unreliable sources
- Change and evolve over time

Read the infobox, then take notes: which typical features of urban legends can you make out in the story from the beginning?

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### Tell your own urban legend

Now it's your turn: Get together in groups of four and come up with your own urban legend. Make sure to include as many features from the infobox as possible. Then present your idea to the rest of the class and try to make the story as convincing and scary as possible – just like a real urban legend!