

Most of the time it is natural to think we are being told the truth. When a claim is made, especially publicly, it we read in the newspaper claims to fact, at face value. For instance, if we accept claims, especially such an event really has taken place. In a plane crash, we are entitled to assume that there has been witnessed it statement is false just because we have not jumped to the conclusion that we are correct, and not made results, or baseball scores, and assume they ourselves. We hear the football telling us to expect heavy snow, and we fans of some clubs. We get a weather forecast up to please the Assuming it is a prediction, and predictions aren't facts accordingly: we don't ignore it just because it plan necessary for a normal life, and true is entirely reasonable. Indeed, it is that most of what we are told is everything we see, if we questioned, or refused to believe functioning of a modern democratic society the all have a responsibility to it would come to a standstill. That is why we read or heard, life as we know it. They are told something that is not true why people are understandably annoyed if told the truth; and bad habit of Cried 'Wolf!' or a story like it. The boy has a Everyone knows the story of The Boy Who that a pack of wolves is frightening his community by shouting out raising false alarms, in particular whenever he does this. But after a while they village. At first the villagers run to safety approaching the boy has lost all a real wolf appears. By then, of course, they stop believing him, until the day comes when The boy's ending yourself genuine warning is ignored. (You can work credibility and his for- once able to rely on what they trust are both important. People need to be moral of the story is that truth and others to believe them most of the time. time; and people who speak the truth need are told most of the and hear. blind acceptance to everything that we read that does not mean we should respond with But spoken, printed or any just because something has been asserted – in Obviously we cannot assume that false assertions not only with intent to or we have to agree with it. People do make ,other form – it is true in what someone ignorance. Even when there is a core of truth deceive, but also out of carelessness or or a rough guess. There are or over-simplified, or a mere approximation says, it may be exaggerated None of this may be less than the whole truth besides being plainly false, in which a claim ,many ways mean we should keep an open and routinely doubting everything. But it does means that we should start always possible to know As you saw in the previous chapter, it is not Justification mind inquisitive requires certainty and certainties are rare. straightforwardly true or false. Knowledge whether a claim is whether it is we can give of a claim or belief is to say the absence of certainty, the best evaluation In warrant is a right or words mean much the same as each other. A justified, or warranted. These two there are strong grounds – for entitled to hold a belief, or to make a claim, if entitlement. We are (grounds a claim is unwarranted (unjustified evidence to support it. Without such example