



Section 4: Cryptic Intelligence

Exercise 10

This exercise helps you explore hidden messages about your own retirement. What other facts and fiction are you carrying?

Fact or Fiction

For each statement, **circle** *fact, fiction, or ?????*

- Retirement is too far in the future to worry about. *fact fiction ?????*
- I'll never have enough to fully retire. *fact fiction ?????*
- I want to work as long as possible. *fact fiction ?????*
- Retirement feels like death. *fact fiction ?????*
- I don't know how much money I need to retire. *fact fiction ?????*
- There will be no social security left when I retire. *fact fiction ?????*
- Retiring early is everyone's dream. *fact fiction ?????*
- Inflation is a real problem for retirement. *fact fiction ?????*
- It's best to collect social security as soon as I am eligible. *fact fiction ?????*
- Retirement? Who knows? *fact fiction ?????*

There are a lot of misconceptions and messages about retirement. Until you know what's right for you, they're just assumptions based on someone else's reality. They might not have anything to do with you at all!