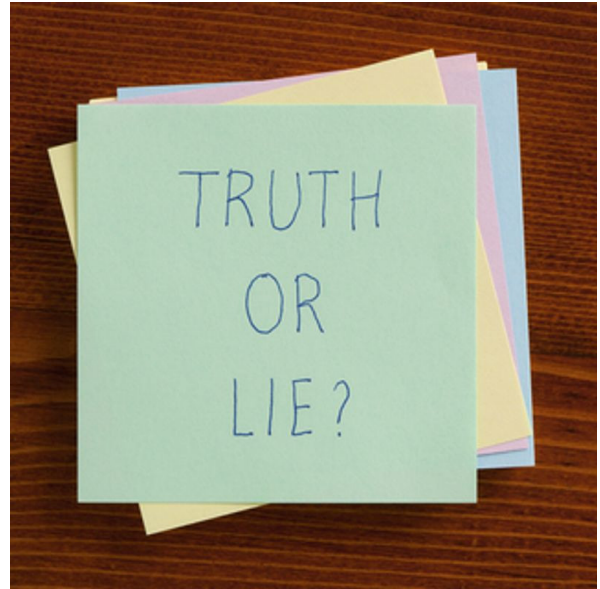




# TRUTH AND LIES



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## Warm-up

Do you think it is ever okay to tell lies? In what situation would you do this?

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## Describing people

Put each adjective into the correct category. Then compare with a partner.

crooked  
sincere

deceitful  
sly

genuine  
trustworthy

honest  
truthful

shady  
untrustworthy

Someone who tells the truth:

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Someone who lies:

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## Liars and dishonest people

Match the examples to the types of dishonest people.

1. A person who tries to sell you something that isn't in good condition is ....
2. A person who falls over when they are not hurt in a game of football is ....
3. A person who pretends that they are a doctor when they aren't is ....
4. A person who lies uncontrollably is a ....
5. A person who adds details to anecdotes to make them seem more exciting is ....
6. A person who criticizes you for eating a burger then eats a large pizza is ....



- a. a cheat
- b. a con artist
- c. a fraud
- d. a hypocrite
- e. a pathological liar
- f. a storyteller

## 4

**Lying verbs**

Use the correct form of the verbs in each of the sentences below.

deceive      betray      exaggerate      mislead      pretend      rip off

1. Oliver felt \_\_\_\_\_ when he saw his girlfriend kissing another man.
2. He knew he had been \_\_\_\_\_. The repairs cost thousands more than they should have.
3. Juan often \_\_\_\_\_. His stories are a bit unbelievable.
4. Edwin \_\_\_\_\_ that he had a science degree, but his employer soon discovered the truth.
5. The man knew he was being \_\_\_\_\_ when the caller asked for his account details.
6. The public were \_\_\_\_\_ about the new product. It wasn't safe to eat at all.

## 5

**Idioms**

Match the underlined parts of the sentences to their definitions.

1. I need to come clean. It was me who ate all the cake last night.
  2. If you lie through your teeth, I think it's easy to tell. So I told her the truth immediately.
  3. I'm not sure I'm going to like what I hear. But if you have to speak your mind, make it quick.
  4. I'll level with you. No one likes the theme for the party.
  5. It was easy for him to stretch the truth. No one knew exactly how many countries he had visited.
  6. Suspects will often be economical with the truth. They don't tell us everything they know.
- a. be honest with someone
  - b. lie to make something seem better than it is
  - c. not give all the facts about something
  - d. say honestly what you think, even if it might upset someone
  - e. say something that you know is completely not true
  - f. tell the truth about something you have been keeping secret



**Now, ask and answer the questions below with a partner.**

Do you prefer to 'speak your mind' or stay quiet? Why?

Do you think being 'economical with the truth' is lying? Why/why not?

**6****Talking Point**

**Answer any of the questions below in pairs or small groups.**

1. Who do you think lies more, men or women? Why?
2. Do you think it is difficult to be honest? Why/why not?
3. Do you think you can tell when someone is lying? How?