

How to detect a lie

Before you watch

1 What word is missing from the sentence? Where would you hear the sentence?
 'I swear that I will tell the _____, the whole _____ and nothing but the _____.'

2 Match the verbs with the parts of the body.

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| 1 blink | a arms |
| 2 fold | b eyes |
| 3 scratch | c fingers |
| 4 smile | d hands |
| 5 touch | e mouth |

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form. Then answer the questions.

liar lie lying

- Have you ever told a _____?
- Are you _____ now?
- How do you know if someone is a _____?

While you watch

4 What do you need to detect a lie? Watch the first part of the video and complete the phrases.

- A good _____
- Good _____
- A _____ scepticism (US spelling is *skepticism*)

5 Watch the whole video and put the steps in the correct order.

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| a Change the subject | _____ |
| b Check their smile | _____ |
| c Follow their eyes | _____ |
| d Note their posture | _____ |
| e Note their words | _____ |
| f Pause before responding | _____ |
| g Pay attention to details | _____ |
| h Teach your liar a lesson | _____ |
| i Watch their hands | _____ |

6 Are these sentences about liars true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false sentences. Then watch the video to check your answers.

- 1 They don't touch their face and scratch their nose. _____
- 2 They don't maintain eye contact. _____
- 3 They don't avoid contractions and pronouns. _____
- 4 They don't use many facial muscles. _____
- 5 They don't keep their body posture closed. _____
- 6 They don't provide more information than necessary. _____

7 How much do you remember? Answer the questions.

- 1 What does the note in the fridge say?
- 2 What do you think the liar did?
- 3 What does the liar take from his pocket?
- 4 What object does he put between them?
- 5 Describe the shirt the liar is wearing?
- 6 What percentage of Americans reported lying in a recent poll?

After you watch

8 Write down five facts about yourself. Two of the facts should be lies. Read your facts to another student and answer his/her questions. Can your partner detect when you're lying?

9 Do you agree or disagree with these statements?

- 1 'To be a good politician, you need to be a good liar.'
- 2 'Sometimes it's better to lie.'
- 3 'It's OK to lie to help a good friend.'

10 Imagine you are making a video for Howcast. What how-to video would you make? Choose a subject and make a note of the different things you'd show as part of the video?

Glossary

- blink** (*verb*) - to close and open your eyes quickly
maintain (*verb*) - to make something stay the same
posture (*noun*) - the position of your body
scepticism (*noun*) - doubts about something people say is true
scratch (*verb*) - to rub with your nails
skip (*verb*) - to avoid doing something
swear (*verb*) - to promise
tend (*verb*) - to usually do something