

- 6 Read the text *How to spot a liar* about lie detection and complete the conditional sentences.

How to spot a liar

If we ¹ (not lie), we ² (not be) human. But how can you tell if a person is lying? Only about one in a thousand people can spot a really good liar and many of these so-called 'deception wizards' work for the police. So, what signs ³ (you / look for), if you ⁴ (be) a deception wizard?

Firstly, there are many common beliefs about liars that aren't true. For example, 'liars never look you in the eye'. When you're talking to someone, if they ⁵ (not look) you in the eye, it just ⁶ (mean) that they're shy, not that they're lying. Liars are clever and they know that if they ⁷ (not make) eye contact, people ⁸ (suspect) them, so they make sure they do.

The way we tell stories can also give a lot of clues. If you ⁹ (invent) a story about why you haven't done your homework today, it ¹⁰ (be) short, in the right order and without much detail. Surprisingly, a true story won't be in the correct order and will have lots of corrections and contradictions. A liar ¹¹ (need to) learn these things if they ¹² (want) to convince a deception wizard.



If you ¹³ (train) to be a deception wizard, you ¹⁴ (learn) to watch for other important clues, too: the number of times a person blinks, touches their face, scratches their head or moves their hands. The tone of voice can also be a sign. Speaking in a higher voice than usual can indicate a lie. Imagine your mother asked, 'Did you break this cup?' If you ¹⁵ (be) guilty, you ¹⁶ (shout), 'No, I didn't break it!' in a very high tone. If you ¹⁷ (be) innocent, you ¹⁸ (answer) just, 'No', in your natural voice.