

Examination Practice

A Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

A TALENT FOR LYING



Although we are all natural born liars, most of us seem to take it for granted that lying

(1) _____ bad. However, psychologists argue that lying is just

(2) _____ important as any other social skill we possess.

We learn (3) _____ art of deception very early in life; by the age of

five, we have not only become quite efficient at lying, but we have also learnt how to read people's reactions and act accordingly.

(4) _____ example, if someone is avoiding direct eye contact with us, this makes us think that we're being lied to so we might lie, too. A person's smile is also (5) _____ giveaway. A genuine smile makes the skin near the eyes crease, whereas a "put on" smile doesn't have the (6) _____ effect on the facial features (7) _____ a real one.

Even though both women and men know how to watch (8) _____ for clues that somebody is lying, it is a fact that women are (9) _____ more skilful liars (10) _____ men. Despite this, women are also more affected by other people's feelings, so they have more sympathy (11) _____ them. As a result, women tend to be (12) _____ willing to have an honest conversation.

B Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given unchanged. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 Sarah is a better swimmer than Jessica.

swim Jessica doesn't _____ Sarah.

2 Mark and Tony are equally tall.

height Mark is _____ Tony.

3 Jane is more enthusiastic about sports than Brendan is.

keen Brendan isn't _____ Jane is.

4 The baby's temperature kept rising, so we took him to hospital.

higher The baby's temperature was _____, so we took him to hospital.

5 Patrick doesn't usually forget his appointments.

like It is _____ his appointments.

6 As it got darker, we had more difficulty seeing.

harder The darker _____ it was for us to see.

7 Daniel is the worst cook I've ever known.

cook None of the people I know _____ Daniel.

8 I couldn't find a bigger house in the area.

the This was _____ I could find in the area.

9 The children's performance made quite an impression on us.

rather We were _____ the children's performance.

10 Jeremy doesn't run as fast as Jonathan.

so Jeremy is not _____ Jonathan.