READING COMPREHENSION (JUNE 2020)

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How to catch a liar

A-According to psychologists, the average person lies to another person once or twice a day. Deception, or not telling the truth,is a natural tendency and many animals do it. Insects often pretend to be injured in order to avoid distract enemies away from their young. When chimpanzees find food in the jungle, they pretend they have not seen it so that the others do not steal it from them. So it is no surprise that humans also tell lies to avoid danger or to gain an advantage.

B-However,in order to succeed in life, it is also important to know how to spot a liar. Conversation and facial and body movements often give you clues as to whether someone is lying or not.

C-In conversation, you should look out for longer pauses, slower speech and a higher voice. However, these clues are only present if the liar is finding it difficult telling the lie. You should listen to the words too: there are fewer details and less information about times and places in a lie.

D-The face is another place where you can look for lies because facial expressions- unless you are a politician or an actor- are not as easy to control as words. In general, we are more skilful at controlling the lower part of our faces.

E-Body movement is the last thing we think about controlling and therefore this is most likely to reveal what a person is really thinking. For example, a liar might be nervous about lying , or angry about the truth. These emotions are revealed by the person tapping his foot nervously or clenching his hands aggressively.

1-Read the text and answer the following questions:

a-In what way do chimpanzees tell lies?

b-Why do people sometimes speak more slowly when they are telling a lie?

c-What can actors do that other people find difficult?

d-Why is it a good idea to look at people's eyes if you think they are lying?

e-Why do people sometimes tap their feet when they are lying?

2-Write ***true or false*** and explain your answers.

a-Experts think that telling lies is a normal thing to do

b-Insects often get injured when they are protecting their young from enemies.

c-It is more difficult to control your face than your conversation.

d-The best way to catch a liar is by looking at their body language.

3-Find words and phrases that mean:

a-dishonesty(A) b-recognize(B) c-signs(B) d-competent(D) e-show(E)

WRITING

Write a composition of about 150 words on ONE of the following topics

1-Do you think that honesty and generosity are important personal qualities nowadays?Give your opinion

2-Write an informal letter to a friend to tell him/her about your plans for next summer. Suggest meeting and doing something together.

3-Write a story beginning with the sentences

He knew he shouldn't have lied to his best friend.