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Read the text below and complete each blank with *one* word.

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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 effect on the facial (6) _____ 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 skillful 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.

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