

Exercise 4

Read the next part of the conversation. Why do the speakers use the words and phrases in bold?

Choose the correct answers to complete the statements.

B: Another interesting thing is that people are less likely to lie when they're face-to-face with you – you know, when they're right in front of you.

A: Really?

B: Yes, **apparently**, we lie more in writing than we do face-to-face.

A: You mean people lie more in texts and emails, and on social media?

B: Exactly. **It appears that** the further you are from the person you're communicating with, the easier it is to lie.

A: So, it's easier to tell a big lie when you're writing?

B: Actually, the article said that the lies are usually minor ones ...

A: That's interesting. **It might be** because when you're in front of someone, you have to control your body language. However, when you're writing, you don't have to worry about body language at all. That makes things easier, **doesn't it?**

B: That's right. And **according to** the article I read, **perhaps** it's also because you have more time to think when you're writing. People **seem to** have more time to think of a convincing lie.

1. **apparently/perhaps/seem to:** The speakers use these words and phrases because they don't know/know that what they are saying is 100% true, or because they don't want to make their opinions sound too strong.
2. **It appears that/It might be/according to:** People don't often/often use words and phrases like this in academic contexts.
3. **doesn't it?:** We can use questions like *isn't it?* or *doesn't it?* To invite someone else to give their opinion/ finish the conversation .
4. We use **apparently** and **according to** to report someone else's opinion/ to give our own opinion about something.

