

Listening Handout

Purpose: Watch the video "How to spot a liar" to learn about ways to know if a person is lying to you.

A) While you watch the video, answer questions 1 to 5 by choosing the correct option A, B, C or D.

1. How many lies do we hear every day?

- A. 1-5 B. 5-9 C. 10-200 D. Over 200

2. What percentage of our brain's communication is conscious?

- A. 100% B. 95% C. 5% D. 0%

3. Do liars use more first person or third person pronouns?

- A. First person B. Third person C. Equal ratio

4. Do liars tell simple or more detailed and action-based accounts of events?

- A. Simple B. More detailed and action-based C. Unknown

5. Do liars use more positive or negative language?

- A Positive B Negative C Neutral

B. Work with a partner and answer the following questions, you may write down your answers as you speak.

1. How conscious are you of the types of words you communicate? Do you say "I" or "we" more? Do you use more positive or negative language? Explain

2) Think about a famous liar in Colombian history. Write his/her name. What language cues can you use to spot the deception?

3) Under which circumstances do you consider lying is acceptable? Why? Discuss with your partner then write your answer. (Mention only one circumstance)