

REAL TALK

8.2 WHAT'S THE BIGGEST LIE YOU'VE EVER BEEN TOLD?



Truths and Lies

Conversation: It's a lie!



1. **REAL TALK** Watch or listen to the teenagers talk about lies they've been told. Match the people to the lies they told.

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| 1. A classmate _____ | a. insisted that a fruit tasted great. |
| 2. An ex-best friend _____ | b. explained that vegetables did amazing things. |
| 3. A brother _____ | c. claimed that there wasn't school tomorrow. |
| 4. Everyone _____ | d. said it was an ocean-themed party. |
| 5. A grandma _____ | e. announced that his cousin was famous. |
| 6. A boy in class _____ | f. mentioned that her grandma wasn't well. |

2. **YOUR TURN** What's the biggest lie you've ever been told? Tell your partner.

3. Listen to a famous soccer player being interviewed. Complete the conversation.

USEFUL LANGUAGE: Confirming and denying

can you comment on

is it true that

Not at all!

✓ some people say that

Yes, absolutely!

You must be joking!

- Host:** Today I'm interviewing a world-famous soccer player. Lucas, there are a lot of things I need to ask you.
- Lucas:** No problem. Ask away!
- Host:** OK. So, you're only 19 years old, you have a five-year contract, and ¹ some people say that you earn over \$100,000 a week.
- Lucas:** Ha! ² _____ I make a lot less than that, and many players on the team make more than me.
- Host:** OK. But ³ _____ you just bought a new sports car?
- Lucas:** ⁴ _____ That is true. It's always been my dream to own one.
- Host:** Nice! Now, let's talk about the team. A teammate claimed that you don't get along with your coach. ⁵ _____ the situation?
- Lucas:** It's a lie! I don't know if my teammate even said that.
- Host:** I see. Hey, I've heard that you've been having an unlucky streak. True?
- Lucas:** ⁶ _____ I mean, no way. I've been playing better than ever!
- Host:** Well, thank you, Lucas. That clears some things up for us.

4. Practice the conversation with a partner.

5. **YOUR TURN** Work with a partner. Take turns asking about situations and confirming and denying them. Use one of the situations in the box or your own ideas.

Situation 1

Student A: You are a TV host asking a famous actor about these situations. You heard:

- he/she had an argument with another famous actor
- he/she is going to quit acting

Student B: You are the actor. Confirm or deny the

Situation 2

Student A: You are a radio host asking a researcher about a mystery. You heard:

- he/she saw an unusual sea creature
- he/she was attacked by the sea creature

Student B: You are the

