

LESSON A TELLING THE TRUTH



1 VIDEO Are You a Good Liar?

A You are going to do a simple test to see if you are a good liar or not. Follow the steps below.

1. Hold a small piece of paper to your forehead.
2. Take five seconds and write the capital letter Q on the paper.
3. Find a partner and compare your letters.

B Watch the video. Fill in the missing words.

Some people (1.) _____ the Q in a way that could be read by somebody (2.) _____ them, with the tail on the (3.) _____ side of their forehead. If you did that, then you tend to be aware of how other people (4.) _____ you. You are (5.) _____ being the center of attention and you are a (6.) _____ liar.

Other people (7.) _____ the Q so that they themselves can read it, with the tail on the (8.) _____ hand side of their forehead. If you did that, then you tend to be more of an introvert and (9.) _____ very good at lying.

C Discuss these questions with a partner.

1. What do you think of the results from the video? How did you draw your letter Q?
2. Do you think it's easy to spot a "good liar"? If so, how do you do it? If not, why not?

2 VOCABULARY

A  Look at the picture. Who are the people in it and what just happened? Do you think the boy is telling the truth? Why or why not? Tell a partner.



Word Bank

an honest person ↔ a liar
(depend on the)
circumstances
exception
hurt (someone's feelings)
obvious
reward someone ↔ punish
someone (for their
behavior)
tell the truth ↔ tell a lie

B Read the statements below. Notice the words in **blue**. Look up any expressions you don't know. Then check (✓) the boxes that are true for you.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1. Honesty is always best. There are no exceptions to this rule.				
2. You should never lie if it's against the law .				
3. You shouldn't tell the truth if it hurts someone's feelings .				
4. The truth isn't always so clear—it's not really obvious .				
5. Sometimes I tell the truth, and sometimes I don't. It depends on the circumstances .				
6. You shouldn't punish small children too severely if they tell a lie .				

C  Discuss your answers with a partner.

I strongly agree that honesty is always best. If you always tell the truth, you won't have any trouble.

I chose *disagree* for that one.
I don't think you should *always* tell the truth.