

Narrative tenses – telling stories

Say or Tell?

VOCABULARY

A Match 1–6 with a)–f) to make sentences.

1 I'm terrible at telling	a) 'hello', but she didn't answer.
2 My brother told me	b) a white lie than to upset someone.
3 I think you should say	c) what you mean.
4 Sometimes it's better to tell	d) a funny story yesterday.
5 You should just say	e) sorry.
6 I said	f) jokes. I always forget the punch line!

B Add the phrases with *say* and *tell* from Exercise 2A to the table.

Say	Tell
'hello'	<i>a story</i>

Truth and lies IDIOMS

Match the idiom with its correct definition

The naked truth

serves to highlight the sincerity of whatever follows.

Lie through your teeth

tell a blatant and deliberate lie,

No word of a lie

refers to a situation or statement that is raw, unadorned, and devoid of any pretense.

To tell (you) the truth

When you challenge someone to prove the truth of their claims, suspecting that they are lying

Call someone's bluff

to stress your sincerity, although it may end up having the opposite effect.