

# Narrative tenses – telling stories

## Say or Tell?



### VOCABULARY

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

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 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' | a story |
|         |         |

### 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.