Narrative tenses – telling stories

Say or Tell?

VOCABULARY

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

1 I'm terrible at telling
2 My brother told me
3 I think you should say
4 Sometimes it's better to tell
5 You should just say
6 I said

a) 'hello', but she didn't answer.
b) a white lie than to upset someone.
c) what you mean.
d) a funny story yesterday.
e) sorry.
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

Lie through your teeth

No word of a lie

To tell (you) the truth

Call someone's bluff

serves to highlight the sincerity of whatever follows.

tell a blatant and deliberate lie,

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

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

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

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