

**A** Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

## A TALENT FOR LYING



Although we are all natural born liars, most of us seem to take it for granted that lying

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ bad. However, psychologists argue that lying is just

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ important as any other social skill we possess.

We learn (3) \_\_\_\_\_ art of deception very early in life; by the age of

five, we have not only become quite efficient at lying, but we have also learnt how to read people's reactions and act accordingly.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ example, if someone is avoiding direct eye contact with us, this makes us think that we're being lied to so we might lie, too. A person's smile is also (5) \_\_\_\_\_ giveaway. A genuine smile makes the skin near the eyes crease, whereas a "put on" smile doesn't have the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ effect on the facial features (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a real one.

Even though both women and men know how to watch (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for clues that somebody is lying, it

is a fact that women are (9) \_\_\_\_\_ more skilful liars (10) \_\_\_\_\_ men. Despite this, women are also more affected by other people's feelings, so they have more sympathy (11) \_\_\_\_\_ them.

As a result, women tend to be (12) \_\_\_\_\_ willing to have an honest conversation.