

Reading :A Little White Lie

Vocabulary (คำศัพท์)

- define (v.): to explain exactly the meaning of a particular word or idea (นิยาม, จำกัดความ)
- trivial (adj.): not serious or important (ธรรมดា, ไม่สำคัญ)
- diplomatic (adj.): good at dealing with people without upsetting them (มีชั้นเชิง)
- well-intentioned (adj.): trying to help, but often making the situation worse (ซึ่งเจตนาดีแต่ข้อความจะค่อให้เกิดผลที่ไม่ดีตามมา)
- painting (n.): a painted picture (ภาพวาด)
- impressed (adj.): admiring someone or something very much (ติดใจ, ประทับใจ)
- date (n.): someone you go on a date with (คู่เดท, คู่นัดหมาย)
- unattractive (adj.): not pleasant to look at (ซึ่งไม่ดึงดูดใจ)
- scratch (v.): to make a long thin cut on someone's skin with your nails, or a mark on something with a sharp object (ขีด, ข่วน)
- acceptable (adj.): good enough, especially for a particular purpose (ที่ยอมรับได้)

Idioms:

- telling white lies หมายถึง การพูดโกหกเพื่อให้คนฟังสบายใจ หรือ เพื่อรักษาหน้าใจ



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The American Heritage Dictionary defines a little white lie as “an unimportant lie, often trivial, diplomatic or well-intentioned untruth.”

We've all told white lies, haven't we?

Take the following test and find out what kind of person you are about telling white lies. Do you tell the truth or not?

Yes	No	Situation
		1. A friend cooked a meal that doesn't taste good for you, and says: "Tastes good, doesn't it?" Do you say you do like it?
		2. Your sister wants to become a singer but she has a terrible voice. Do you try to stop her?
		3. A friend gives you one of his paintings and says: "It's nice, isn't it?" But, you aren't impressed with it. Do you say you do like it?
		4. A friend is trying on a new dress in front of the mirror, but it doesn't look good on her. Do you tell her it doesn't look good?
		5. Your date takes you to a new place and asks if you've ever been there before. Do you say this was the first time, even if it wasn't?
		6. Have you ever told a person he or she is good-looking, when he or she isn't?
		7. A friend arranges a date for you with a cousin. The cousin is unattractive and boring. Do you tell your friend that you never want to see the person again?
		8. Your mother asks you if you like her new hair color. You don't think it looks good on her. Do you tell her that you really don't like it?
		9. You scratched your father's car by accident. Do you tell him the truth?
		10. Do you believe that telling white lies is good for relationships?

Results of Test

- points for yes answers to items 1, 3, 5, 6, 10
- 1 point for yes answers to items 2, 4, 7, 8, 9

Totals:

- 3-5 points: You believe in telling the truth in almost all situations.
- 2 points or less: You think lying is acceptable in some situations.



Directions: Read each passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each question.

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1. What is a white lie?

- 1. A big lie
- 2. An unimportant lie
- 3. An American lie
- 4. A friendly lie

2. Telling a friend that their food taste good when it doesn't is an example of _____.

- 1. a white lie
- 2. a big lie
- 3. the truth
- 4. None of the above

3. What does "terrible voice" mean?

- 1. A good voice
- 2. Can't sing
- 3. The truth
- 4. Is sick

4. Telling your date that the place they are taking you is new, when it isn't is an example of _____.

- 1. a white lie
- 2. a big lie
- 3. the truth
- 4. None of the above

5. Not telling your father that you have scratched his car is an example of _____.

- 1. a white lie
- 2. a big lie
- 3. the truth
- 4. None of the above