

## Related Phrases and Idioms

- **"Bend the truth"** – slightly change the truth.
- **"Fib"** – a small, harmless lie.
- **"Pull the wool over someone's eyes"** – deceive someone.
- **"A little white lie"** – a harmless or trivial lie, especially one told to avoid hurting someone's feelings.
- **"The whole truth and nothing but the truth"** – being completely honest.
- **"The naked truth"** – the plain and unembellished truth.
- **"Stretching the truth"** – making something sound better or worse than it really is.
- **"Truth be told"** – used to admit something honestly.
- **"Lying through your teeth"** – telling a blatant lie without shame.
- **"Tell a tall tale"** – telling an exaggerated or unbelievable story.

## Fill-in-the-Gaps Exercise: Idioms about Truth and Lies

Complete the sentences below using idioms:

1. Sometimes, people tell \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid hurting someone's feelings.
2. When asked about his weekend, he couldn't resist \_\_\_\_\_ to make it sound more exciting.
3. I could tell she was \_\_\_\_\_ when she said she'd finished all the work; it didn't make sense.
4. He admitted he told a small \_\_\_\_\_ when he said he didn't remember her birthday—it wasn't completely forgotten.
5. If you keep \_\_\_\_\_, people will eventually find out the truth.
6. She thought she could \_\_\_\_\_ by pretending she knew all the answers, but her boss caught on quickly.
7. \_\_\_\_\_, I wasn't sure if the plan would work, but I went along with it anyway.
8. The witness swore to tell \_\_\_\_\_ in court.
9. Kids love to \_\_\_\_\_ about the adventures they've been on, even if they're made up.
10. It's not easy to face \_\_\_\_\_ when it's something you don't want to hear.