

Not the Full Truth

Describe an occasion when **someone did not tell you** the complete truth.

You should say:

who this person was

what they told you

what they did not tell you

and explain why they didn't tell the full truth.

Version B

Describe an occasion when **you did not tell someone** the complete truth.

You should say:

who this person was

what you told them

what you did not tell

and explain why you didn't tell the full truth.

Notes

- Many people report that it is Version A.
- If it is Version A perhaps you should include how you know they didn't tell you the complete truth. Some time after someone has told

us a lie we occasionally do realize we have been lied to, or we find out the truth some other way.

Part 3

Telling Lies

- Do you ever tell lies?
- Would you say most people tell lies from time to time?
- Do you think people around you lie too much?
- In what situations do people tell lies?
- (Similar to above) Why do some people tell lies instead of telling the truth?
- Do you think that lying is good?
- If a good person tell a lie, would you still say that person is good?
- Do you think people always need to (or, should) tell others the truth when they think the truth is private information?
- How would you feel if a friend told you a lie?
- In what situations do children or young people tell lies to their parents?
- Do you think it's important to teach children to be honest?
- Besides simply being told to be honest by their parents or teachers, can you suggest how children could be taught the value (or importance of) honesty?
- How can someone lie convincingly?
- Do you think good liars need to have a good memory?
- Are there situations when people tell lies with good intentions? ("white lies")

- Do you think such well-intentioned lies can ever have negative effects?
- (Similar to above) If you told someone a lie about how good their clothes looked, do you think that could possibly lead to a negative result?
- Can you explain why people sometimes tell lies like that?

Crime and The Police *(These questions seem to be unusually difficult!)*

- In general, what methods do police use in order to solve crimes?
- When the police are interrogating someone who they suspect has committed a crime, is there any special equipment that they can use to detect if that person is telling a lie?
- Do you think such equipment is useful?
- Do you think the use of such equipment would reduce the amount of crime that is committed?
- Some people say that the police sometimes tell a lie in order to "ensure justice". Do you think that type of behaviour by the police is ever justified?
- There are situations where several people have witnessed a crime (or seen the person who has committed a crime) but the statements that the witnesses make are not the same. Can you suggest any reasons to explain that?