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HOW TO PLAY TRUTH OR LIE

Materials

- Set of at least 200 poker chips
- 1 Truth/Lie slip for each student
- 1 set of *Have You Ever?* Question Prompts per group of players

Time

Set up: 5 minutes
Play: 30-40 minutes
Clean up: 5 mins

Set Up

Game can be played as a whole class of up to 12.

For classes with more than 12 students, split them into groups of 5-6 players and assign one student to be the dealer for each table. Players sit in a circle. Each group gets one copy of Question Prompts. Each player gets 10 chips and 1 Truth/Lie slip.

To Play

Tell the class they will be asked a random "Have you ever...?" question. They must ALWAYS answer "Yes, I have," for any question asked. This is important, so do a practice round with them. Ask them: "Have you ever been to the moon?" Students should say, "Yes, I have!" with confidence.

To begin, ask the first player a question from the list. When they answer, "Yes, I have," the other players will then have an opportunity to see if they are lying or telling the truth by asking them a follow-up question. I allow each student to ask one follow-up question, and remind them it should be in simple past form. You can help them form their question correctly, or write it on the board.

The student being questioned will either tell their truth or be forced to lie depending on the question, and the other students will need to determine if they are lying or not, based on their answers. When the questioning period is over, students should then bet on whether they think it's a lie or the truth.

I allow them to bet a maximum of 3 chips for each round. When all bets have been placed, the student can reveal whether they were being truthful, and bets are paid out or collected. The game continues with the next player's turn to be asked a question.

Example Round

Teacher: Have you ever been to New York?

Student: Yes, I have!

Players: When did you go?

Student: I went last year.

Players: What food do street vendors sell?

Student: They sell pizza.

Teacher: Ok. No more questions! Make your bets!

Players make their bets.

I hope they put 3 chips on Lie, because everyone knows they sell hot dogs, not pizza!

This game is super fun to play after a test, and students will absolutely love being lie detectors! Enjoy!

HOW TO SPOT A LIAR

How do you know if someone is lying? Are there ways you can tell?
Match the headings on the left to the tips on the right.

A. CHANGES TO THE VOICE

B. IMPROVED TECHNOLOGY

C. SLOW TO RESPOND

D. CHANGES TO THE STORY

E. BODY LANGUAGE

F. TOO MANY DETAILS

G. SPEECH HESITATIONS



_____ If a person keeps telling different versions of events that occurred, they might not be telling the truth.

_____ Developments in eye-tracking software, artificial intelligence, and lie detection devices are providing new ways to spot a fibber.

_____ Long pauses or an overuse of fillers like "um," "uh," or "you know" more frequently than normal can indicate a lie because they need time to think.

_____ Liars may avoid eye contact, fidget, or act stiff. They might also touch their face or cover their mouth.

_____ Taking a long time to answer simple questions or repeating the question can be a sign they're thinking of a lie.

_____ If someone adds a lot of unnecessary details, they could be trying too hard to sound believable.

_____ Liars may speak faster or slower, or their tone might sound different, like higher or strained.

LANGUAGE LOG

verbs	nouns	adjectives
to lie	a lie, lies	untrue
lied	a liar	untruthful
lying		dishonest

verbs	nouns	adjectives
to tell	the truth	true
told		truthful
telling		honest

Complete the passage with a word or phrase from the box.

Pinocchio is the story of a wooden puppet who wants to become a real boy, but he is a _____. Every time Pinocchio tells _____, his nose grows longer, showing that _____ has consequences. At first, Pinocchio _____ to get out of trouble or to impress others, but this only causes more problems for him.

His growing nose is a reminder that _____ can quickly get out of control. In the end, Pinocchio learns that being _____ is important.

When he starts _____ and acting responsibly, he finally becomes a real boy. The story teaches us that _____ can make things worse, while _____ helps build trust and brings good results.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Are you gullible, or can you easily spot a lie?
- Is it ever okay to lie? When?
- Are you a good liar? Do people believe you if you tell a lie?



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HAVE YOU EVER...?

Animals

1. eaten an insect?
2. been on safari?
3. ridden a camel?
4. caught a fish?
5. fed a horse?
6. seen an owl?
7. had an interesting pet?
8. run into a spider web?
9. been attacked by an animal?
10. gone whale watching?

Travel

11. flown first class?
12. slept in a 5-star hotel?
13. been to NYC?
14. gone underground
15. backpacked through many countries?
16. toured the home of a famous person?
17. climbed a mountain?
18. been to an island?
19. seen the sunrise over the ocean?
20. gotten lost in a city?

Money

21. won a cash prize?
22. found something valuable on the street?
23. won a contest?
24. inherited something special?
25. given money to a charitable cause?
26. lent money to a friend?
27. invested money in a project?
28. been to Las Vegas
29. bought an expensive gift for someone?
30. ridden in a limo?

Crime

31. been robbed?
32. stolen something small from a store?
33. been in a car accident?
34. taken money from your parents?
35. cheated on a test?
36. lied about your age?
37. been arrested?
38. snuck into a movie theater?
39. been accused of a crime?
40. done graffiti on public property?

Sports

41. gotten injured playing a sport?
42. gone snorkeling?
43. tried surfing?
44. gone ice skating or sledding?
45. won a race?
46. been to the Olympic games?
47. seen a live soccer match?
48. cheated in a game?
49. thrown a frisbee?
50. played a team sport in school?

Experiences

51. run away from home?
52. thrown a boomerang?
53. gone swimming in a lake?
54. thought of a new invention?
55. been on a cruise?
56. run in a marathon?
57. been in a natural disaster?
58. shot an arrow?
59. learned to play an instrument?
60. gone camping in a forest?

Food

61. eaten with chopsticks?
62. been to a 3-star restaurant?
63. eaten a strange or exotic food?
64. cooked dinner for more than 4 people?
65. had sushi?
66. gone apple or berry picking?
67. sent food back to the kitchen in a restaurant?
68. found something disgusting in your food?
69. eaten alligator?
70. made a birthday cake for someone?

Mystical & Magical

71. been to a fortune teller?
72. seen a UFO?
73. seen a ghost?
74. looked through a telescope?
75. dreamed in a foreign language?
76. seen a shooting star?
77. been to a different religion's temple?
78. worn a costume?
79. visited a haunted place?
80. had an imaginary friend?

Society and Relationships

81. been friends with someone from a different country?
82. helped a stranger in need?
83. ridden a tandem bicycle?
84. saved someone's life?
85. met a famous person?
86. traveled alone?
87. helped a neighbor?
88. been to a family reunion?
89. been to the opera?
90. been to a drive-in movie?


Health and Fitness

91. gotten a tattoo or piercing?
92. grown a beard or had long hair?
93. done physical therapy?
94. worn a wig or changed your hair color?
95. thought about getting cosmetic surgery?
96. been hypnotized?
97. tried a fad diet?
98. broken a bone?
99. been in the hospital over a week?
100. done yoga or meditation?

Hobbies and Learning

101. taught yourself how to do something by watching YouTube?
102. built or designed a website?
103. drawn a self portrait?
104. sent a fax?
105. sewn a button on a shirt?
106. grown vegetables or herbs?
107. built a snowman?
108. started a business?
109. taught others how to do something?
110. joined a club?

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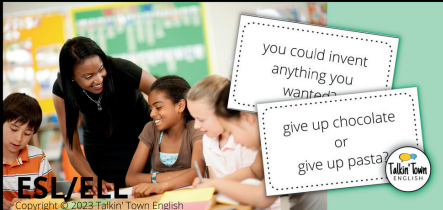
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give up chocolate or give up pasta?

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