

TED Lesson: The language of lying

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Warm - up:

1. Do you think you are good at spotting a lie?
2. What do people commonly lie about?
3. Why do you think people lie?

Vocabulary:

Allegations	Subconscious
Wrongdoing	Feel guilty
Detect	Convoluted
Torture	Irrelevant
Polygraphs	Scandal
Reliable	Bizarre
Paint a better picture	Admitted
Conscious	Hypothetical situation
Cognitive	Telltale clues

Comprehension:

1. How many lies do we hear in a day?
2. What are some ways people have tried to detect lies?
3. How much does our conscious mind control our cognitive functions?
4. What are the four patterns to recognize when trying to spot a lie?

Discussion Questions:

1. Describe a time you caught someone in a lie.
2. Have you ever got caught lying? What happened?
3. What famous person in your country has been caught lying?
4. Do you think women are better at lying than men? Why or why not?
5. Do you think lying is a learned behavior or a natural behavior?