

To Lie Or Not to Lie (video lesson)

level: intermediate (B1) +

class: one to one

time: 60 min

skills: speaking, listening, reading

Warm-up

1. Tell your student that today you are going to introduce the lesson topic by a video. *Uncover the picture* from worksheet 1 bit by bit and ask them what sitcom this is from.

Joey, you shouldn't lie!

2. Ask: *'Do you ever watch Friends? Do you like the sitcom? Why/why not? What do you know about the characters? What are their names and jobs?'* Your student doesn't actually need to have detailed knowledge of the sitcom to understand the video clip, but make sure they know who Joey, Phoebe and Ross are, that Joey is an actor and Ross works as a paleontologist.
3. Watch this *video clip* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-r7XX5jugY> until 0:38 and ask your student: *'What mistake has Joey made and why did he do that? What does he ask Phoebe to do?'*
(answers: He's lied in his CV about his French to get a role. He asks Phoebe to teach him.)
Explain that your topic today is *lying on a CV*.
4. Watch the video clip again and ask your student to complete the *transcript* in worksheet 1.
(answers: a. anyway; b. what's up; c. résumé; d. résumé; e. By the way; f. play; g. gonna)

Most common lies

5. Ask your student: *'How many people do you think lie on their CVs/during an interview? Why do they do that?'* Look at the 1st part of the *infographics* in worksheet 2 and check if they were right. Any surprises?
6. Ask: *'What do you think people usually lie about?'* Look at the 2nd part of the *infographics* and compare it to your student's list. Ask them to think for reasons why people often lie about such things, especially when some of them are very easy to check (e.g. qualifications).
7. Ask if they *know someone* who has ever lied on their CV/during an interview. What happened? Did they get the job, or did the interviewer find out? And if they did land the job, what happened then? Was their lie ever a problem?
8. Look at the people in the 3rd part of the *infographics* and check your student has a general idea who they are. Read about their lies and ask: *'Whose lie was the most serious one? Whose lie was ok, in your opinion?'*
9. Ask: *'Can you remember any more examples of famous people who lied about their CV? Is it ever ok to lie on a CV, do you think? And if so, under what circumstances? What about?'*

Cooler

10. Ask your student to write down 10 words associated with CVs they learnt today.



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Joey: But *a.* _____, I'm glad you're back, I really need your help.

Phoebe: Why, *b.* _____?

Joey: I have an audition for this play and for some of it I have to speak French, which according to my *c.* _____ I'm fluent in.

Ross: Joey, you shouldn't lie on your *d.* _____.

Monica: Yeah, you really shouldn't. *e.* _____, how was that year-long dig in Cairo?

Ross: It was OK.

Rachel: I did not know you spoke French.

Phoebe: *speaks French*

Rachel: You're so sexy!

Joey: So will you help me? I really wanna be in this *f.* _____.

Phoebe: Sure. *speaks French*

Rachel: Seriously, stop or I'm *g.* _____ jump on you.

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MOST COMMON LIES TOLD BY JOBSEEKERS

60%

ADMITTED TO LYING DURING AN INTERVIEW

40%

LIED IN ORDER TO IMPRESS THE INTERVIEWER

CANDIDATES ADMITTED TO STRETCHING THE TRUTH ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS

<p>67% SALARY OF PREVIOUS JOB</p>	<p>61% QUALIFICATIONS OR GRADES</p>	<p>58% YEARS OF EXPERIENCE</p>
<p>54% REASONS FOR LEAVING</p>	<p>44% IT/GENERAL SKILLS</p>	<p>32% PERSONAL STATUS</p>

FAMOUS EXAMPLES

Gillian McKeith
 The TV pundit, author and owner of her own line of health related products stopped using the title of Dr after the Advertising Standards Authority deemed its use unsubstantial and misleading.

Scott Thompson
 The former CEO of Yahoo allegedly claimed to hold a degree in Computer Science but records showed that he in fact had study accountancy while at University.

Ali Dia
 Ali Dia had a brief stint at Southampton after his agent pretended to be former FIFA player of the year George Weah, and gave a fake referral to the manager at the time Graham Souness.

Lee McQueen
 Despite it being revealed during the show that he had lied on CV having claimed to have spent two years at university when he it was a mere four months he still went on to win series four of The Apprentice.

Sources: hirescores.com
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