

## Can you spot when someone is lying?

### PRE-CLASS ACTIVITIES

1. Watch a [video](https://youtu.be/6diqpGKOvic) [https://youtu.be/6diqpGKOvic] about lying and answer the questions.

a) What are three common beliefs about children and lying?

One, children only come to tell lies after entering elementary school. Two, children are poor liars. We adults can easily detect their lies. And three, if children lie at a very young age, there must be some character flaws with them, and they are going to become pathological liars for life.

b) What is mind reading?

Mind reading is the ability to know that different people have different knowledge about the situation and the ability to differentiate between what I know and what you know. Mind reading is important for lying because the basis of lying is that I know you don't know what I know.

c) What is "transdermal optical imaging"? What are its applications?

We use a regular video camera to record people when they experience various hidden emotions. And then, using our image processing technology, we can extract transdermal images of facial blood flow changes. By looking at transdermal video images, now we can easily see facial blood flow changes associated with the various hidden emotions. Applications: education, health care, politics, customer preference, dating.

d) What is the real Pinocchio effect according to the speaker?

When people lie, the facial blood flow on the cheeks decreases, and the facial blood flow on the nose increases.

2. Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the words in capitals.

a) **Facial** expressions reveal a lot about people's mood and emotions. FACE

b) The building work will proceed **regardless** of whether there is an agreement. REGARD

c) The ability to speak **differentiates** humans from other animals. DIFFERENT

d) His research interests include early school leaving and **developmental** psychology. DEVELOPMENT

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- e) There is the **invisible** barrier between the affluent suburbs and the shantytown beyond. **VISIBLE**
- f) The church is **remotely** situated high in the mountains. **REMOTE**
- g) The **accuracy** of the reports cannot be verified. **ACCURATE**

3. Check your answers by reading the [video transcript](http://bit.ly/HowKidsLie-Transcript) [http://bit.ly/HowKidsLie-Transcript].

### IN-CLASS ACTIVITIES

#### 4. Discuss the questions.

- What's the speaker's idea?
- How can you spot when someone is lying? Are you good at it?
- Should politicians or any other professionals take lie detector tests for the sake of society? Why (not)?



#### 5. Read the sentences below and guess the meanings of the underlined words and phrases.

- a) You've told me a complete pack of lies. It was just absurd.
- b) Little white lies or to put it in better words 'tactful' replies could save someone's feelings and prevent them from having to face difficult truths.
- c) After dinner she told me a tall story about her pet. I knew it was fake. How can someone have a crocodile at home?
- d) When a friend who lives in England told me of a death metal band fronted by a parrot, I knew that he was pulling my leg.
- e) She told Duncan that there was someone behind him and used the distraction to run away. I didn't expect Duncan to fall for a cheap trick like that.
- f) Tony seems to know a lot about music, but sometimes I think he's only bluffing to impress others. However, I hope I'm wrong and he's a real expert.

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**6. Discuss the questions.**

- In what situations do people bluff?
- When was the last time you fell for a trick? What happened?
- What tall story have you heard that you'll never forget?
- In what cases are white lies justifiable?
- Did your brother or sister use to pull your leg when you were younger?

**7. Prepare one true and one false piece of information about yourself. Work in pairs and guess which information about your partner is true and which is false.**