

Crossroads Talk

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Why Do People Lie?

There are many different types of lies, as well as varying degrees of lying. Most people claim to have a problem with lying, yet everybody lies. Some people, known as compulsive liars, lie all the time... even when there is no reason to. But what are the reasons for this universal habit?

Researchers claim that people lie in 20 percent of their daily interactions, or between 100 and 200 times per day. These lies come in many forms. Often, people only want to reveal parts of the truth they feel are acceptable for public consumption, hiding the full truth in the process. Sometimes, people tell "white lies" to make other people feel better. In general, though, people lie by exaggerating, omitting important information or controlling the content of conversations.

But why specifically do people indulge in lying? One explanation is fear... people are afraid of the consequences of their actions, so lie to cover their tracks. Another motivation for lying is manipulation, or getting people to either do something or not do something. Furthermore, people lie because of pride – they simply want to create a favourable impression of themselves. The big problem with lying is it becomes a habit and soon you find yourself caught in a web of lies. It's a sick situation that can ruin relationships, hurt others and damage integrity

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<http://www.wikihow.com/Detect-Lies>

So how do you know if someone is lying to you? The most obvious way is to examine the person's body language. Avoiding eye contact is the classic sign someone is lying. Or if their eyes dart to the upper left, it signifies they are trying to create an image (accessing the left hemisphere of the brain); the upper right means they are recalling a memory. It is these subconscious actions that show you the reality of a person's claims. Another thing to watch out for is inconsistencies in the story of the speaker. If they are changing minor details each time they recount their story, or their claims don't make logical sense, there's a good chance you are being lied to. There are many other variables at play when someone is not telling the truth, so you need to consider all the signs on show.

Interestingly, researchers from Harvard and Duke Universities have discovered that intelligence doesn't necessarily correlate with lying but creativity does. People who work in creative occupations were found to be more likely to construct lies to justify their dishonest actions. In addition, it was found that the \$150,000-plus-per-annum income group was four times as likely to cheat as those making less than \$15,000 a year when playing a game to win \$50. Moreover, the rich didn't stop for at a crosswalk as often as the less wealthy pedestrians. The reason for these phenomena is that any intrinsic trait, leads to breaking. The solution: self-awareness.



Article by Colm

Some Thoughts for the Month



Joshua Says: Here is an interesting fact: the cutting edges on the teeth of a Western saw are set in the opposite direction to those on a Japanese saw. This means that when a piece of wood is being cut, the cutting action is in the opposite direction – push to cut in the West and pull in Japan. This fact can be seen as an analogy for a fundamental difference in syntax between Japanese and most Western languages. In the West, the action starts with the subject (carpenter) who pushes towards the object (wood); in Japan the action starts by pulling from the object (wood) towards the subject (the carpenter).

Junko Says: The Japanese Ministry of Education is now planning to introduce a new testing system in 2019 for 3rd grade junior high school students. In this test, new sections are going to be added on the conventional reading and writing tests. There will now be listening and speaking tests as well; the listening ability test will use a DVD and the speaking ability test will be a face-to-face interview with teachers. I am wondering who these teachers will be...



Mark Says: The world is currently enthralled with the crazy goings on in the 2016 American Presidential election cycle. However, ridiculous politicians are not the sole domain of America. The Philippines have just elected a new President who makes Trump look like a saint. Rodrigo Duterte was elected despite his shocking rape jokes, boasts of womanizing and stories of the people he has had killed. Just like Trump and other populist politicians he has gained power by playing to people's fears and ignorances.

Colm Says: Last week saw the United Nations publish their latest Happiness Index, which ranks the countries of the world in terms of the happiness of their people. It turns out that Denmark is the happiest country in the world. Other Scandinavian countries, as well as Canada and New Zealand, were ranked in the top ten. Japan's ranking of 53 makes no sense to me at all.



Danielle dit: En France, il y a en général onze jours fériés par an, dont deux ou trois en mai. Le 1^{er} mai, la fête du travail, est le seul jour férié obligatoirement chômé et payé, sauf cas spécial. Le 8 mai, fête de la Victoire de 1945, est également férié. Malheureusement, ces deux jours fériés tombent un dimanche et en France, on ne les récupère pas le lundi qui suit.

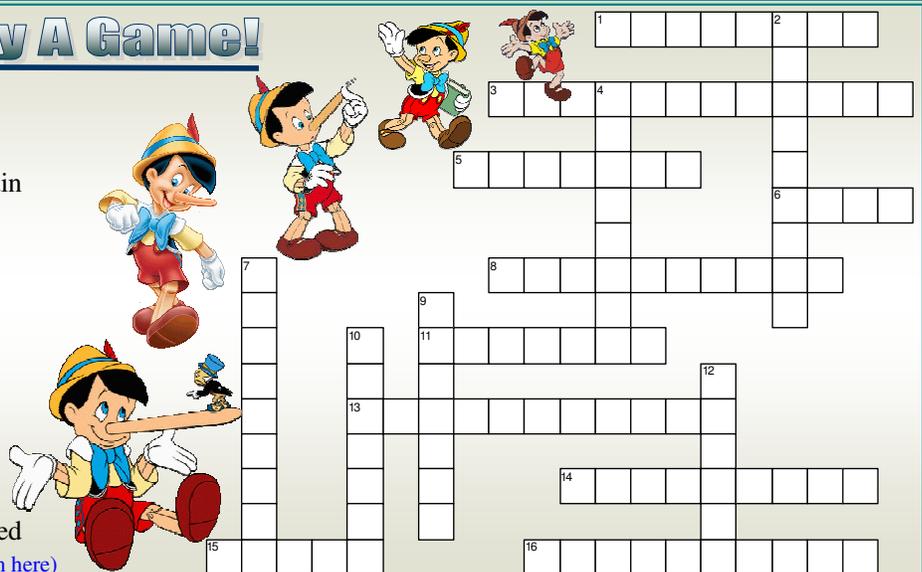
ACROSS

- 1 keeping out of the way of
- 3 not in agreement
- 5 being different in some way
- 6 destroy
- 8 influence something for personal gain
- 11 enjoy to excess without restraint
- 13 a result caused by a certain action
- 14 having a mutual relation
- 15 a pattern of behavior
- 16 obsessive habitual behavior

DOWN

- 2 honesty, truthfulness, reliability
- 4 leaving out
- 7 a remarkable development
- 9 convey r express a meaning
- 10 describe something that has happened
- 12 make visible or known ([print version here](#))

Play A Game!



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Playing Through the Storm By Keiko Kurita

I'm in the backing band for the TV show "Nodojiman." I played on the TV show "Nodojiman" in Niihama on Saturday the 16th and Sunday the 17th of April.

An earthquake occurred in Kumamoto on Saturday the 16th at 1:25AM. I was worried about its effect on the show. It was the elimination show on Saturday.

Another earthquake occurred in Kyushu before the start of the show. The Sunday show was supposed to be broadcast live but was pre-recorded instead because of the earthquakes. The elimination show finished safely, and the pre-recorded show did too.

The guest singer was Nana Mizuki. She is a very famous animation sound track singer. She is originally from Niihama. Many of her fans came from all over the country to see her performance. The audience responded with enthusiasm to all of the performances.



I hope and pray the earthquakes will stop soon.



The Sports Page with Slab's TARO

What do you think is the most memorable topic this year? If you like sports, without a doubt, you will answer that it is the Leicester City miracle!

In the 2015/2016 season, Leicester City became the champions of the English Premier football league for the first time in their 132-year history. Conventionally, European football titles have been monopolized by a hand-full of rich teams. In England, a few big clubs like Manchester United, Arsenal and Chelsea have controlled the trophy for a long time. "The rich grow richer, and the poor grow poorer," as they say.

Before the season started, nobody believed Leicester City would become champions. The odds of Leicester winning were 5,000 to 1. The odds of finding the Loch Ness Monster (Nessie) are lower - 500 to 1! However, this small club from the East Midlands of England achieved an epoch-making feat. Leicester successfully defeated the mega-clubs! Unbelievable!! David beat Goliath. I think that soccer is interesting because there are often big upsets, but I have never seen such a magnificent giant-killing act. Leicester City gave other small clubs great hope. If you can dream, you can do it.

As a Japanese soccer fan, I feel proud of the fact that a Japanese player, Shinji Okazaki, played an important role in Leicester's fairy tale. He played regularly as a forward and contributed to the success of his club. Thanks to Okazaki, many Japanese have identified with Leicester City. At the same time, I'm happy if a lot of people in England have become familiar with Japan.

When I watch Leicester's games on TV, the English commentators sometimes call Okazaki "samurai": "Samurai got a goal"; "Samurai runs....". In English soccer culture, "samurai" has already become a word meaning Japanese athletes. In England, the home of football, they often use unique expressions. According to a local newspaper in Leicester (available on the Internet), many supporters thanked the coach, Claudio Ranieri, for his great job. They repeatedly shouted "Ranieri for President!"

As a soccer fan and an English student, I recommend that Japanese sports fans should study English. Through local broadcasts and newspapers, we can clearly understand what a glorious achievement this was for Leicester City.



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Last Month's puzzle Solution

ACROSS

- based on logic and truth
- animals that feed on grass and other plants
- parts of something larger
- having a greater influence or power
- full of juice
- water mixed with waste matter
- many but indefinite in number
- change to a lower state
- join in or become part of
- consistent, firm, dependable

DOWN

- a strong influence
- have a tendency towards something
- imagined, a mental image
- people who do not eat meat
- a broad area (of land)
- to not include



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