

IELTS Truth Vocabulary Quiz: Gap Fill Exercise

This topic occurs regularly in the IELTS test, and an answer for this one could fit similar questions also (e.g. describing a challenge you once faced).

Below you will find questions about work for each part of the Speaking test. We have removed some of the keywords and placed them at the bottom of each section. Try and place each word in the correct place.

When you have finished [go to this page](#) and check your answers. You will also find a glossary at the bottom of the answer page.

Part 1-style questions

Examiner: Do you always tell people the truth?

Candidate: No - people are _____ all the time. Why stir up trouble for yourself when a small _____ can smooth the waters.

Examiner: What kind of lies do you tell?

Candidate: Just small ones - for example, when my husband cooks dinner, and it tastes awful, I might tell him he's a superb chef.

Examiner: Have you ever made up a reason for being late?

Candidate: If I'm extremely late for something, then I might blame my lateness on the traffic. There's always _____ in that excuse anyway.

untruth

economical with the truth

a grain of truth

Part 2-style task

Describe a time when you did not tell someone the truth.

You should say:

- **When it was**
- **Who it was**
- **Why you didn't tell the truth**

and explain how this made you feel.

Candidate:

I was really _____ with a lady on my course at university, and we started dating. I prefer slip-on shoes since I'm too lazy to tie shoelaces. For some reasons on our first date I had laced shoes - but left them loosely tied so I could slip them on and off easily.

Anyway - during our date, they came loose, and when I said I would tie them later, she asked me if no one had ever taught me how to tie them. For some reason, I said no. Maybe it was because it was the time when Liam Neeson had had his shoes tied by Olivia Wilde - and it seemed really cool.

Now we are married, and whenever my shoelace comes loose, she still takes me aside to tie them. It makes her happy and is really sweet. It's become a _____ - she would be upset if she discovered the truth now.

I expect one day _____, but while I'll never be Liam Neeson, I've definitely found my Olivia Wilde.

white lie

the truth will out

smitten

Part 3-style questions

Examiner: Do you think _____ between people is important?
[Evaluate]

Candidate: Yes - especially when someone is in a _____. If someone betrays your trust, then I think it's essential to resolve the situation or _____.

Examiner: Do successful people always speak the truth?
[Speculate]

Candidate: I think successful people always _____ a situation to some extent. I'm not sure it's possible to be a politician in the age of mass media and always tell the complete truth. Sometimes I think those in power inhabit a _____.

Examiner: What the difference between the lies of adults and children? [Compare]

Candidate: The lies adults tell are usually more _____. I think children's lies are more _____ and have simpler _____.

elaborate *position of trust* *web of lies* *mutual trust*

motives *spin* *cut ties* *transparent*