



## Reading and Writing Level 1



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Match each word with the correct definition.

1. to agree that you did something bad or wrong, like telling a lie	admit
2. a manager or supervisor; a person at a job who tells people what to do	boss
3. to act in the correct way	behave
4. a difficulty or problem	trouble
5. to make a worker leave his job or company; to end someone's job	fire
6. large, moveable objects in a room, such as tables, chairs, and beds	furniture
7. making someone suffer because they did something wrong	punishment
8. an opinion that people have about someone or something	reputation

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1. What is the main idea of this article?

- The New York Times* is a very famous newspaper.
- Reporters have a very difficult job.
- Jayson Blair was a very dangerous person.

Dishonest journalism causes problems for newspapers and readers.

2. When did *The New York Times* hire Jayson Blair?

2003

1999

1998

2000

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3. In what year did Blair stop working for *The New York Times*?

1998

1999

✓  2003

1998

4. What is an example of a story in which Blair lied?

an interview with reporters

a story about French crime

an interview with bosses

✓  a story about soldiers

5. When did the *Times* apologize for Blair's lies?

May 2002

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5. When did the *Times* apologize for Blair's lies?

- May 2002
- May 2003
- April 2003
- January 1999

6. What other newspaper did Blair steal quotations from?

- The New York Post*
- The Washington Post*
- The New York Times*
- The Washington Times*

7. What was Blair's first lie?

- that he interviewed four soldiers
- that he talked to a murderer

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that he talked to a murderer

that he had a college diploma

that he was an American

8. About how long did Blair work for *The New York Times*?

one year

five years

four years

two years

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1. In paragraph 1, what does the word **it** refer to?

- news
- work
- profession
- journalism

2. In paragraph 2, what does the word **they** refer to?

- problems
- reporters
- newspapers
- acts

3. In paragraph 3, what does the word **they** refer to?

- the *Times*

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4. In paragraph 4, what does the word **they** refer to?

- people
- soldiers
- stories
- places

5. In paragraph 4, what does the word **his** refer to?

- soldier
- the *Times*
- Blair
- boss

6. In paragraph 5, what does the word **them** refer to?

- details

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- lies
  - history
  - stories
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- The New York Times*
  - The Washington Post*
  - history
  - story

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Complete the sentences with the correct words from the word bank.

purpose   require   trusts   avoid   practice   respect   opinions   relationship

1. Tom and Daniel have a terrible relationship . They argue all the time.
2. I didn't like playing the violin because I had to practice for two hours every day!
3. Everyone trusts Keiko. She is a very honest person.
4. I can't get a job there because they require a college degree.
5. I avoid going into that neighborhood at night because it's so dangerous.
6. They respect their teacher a great deal because he works so hard to help them learn English.
7. She has a lot of strong opinions , but few facts to support them.
8. The purpose of exercise is to be healthy.

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Match the first part of the sentence with the second part of the sentence. You do not need to use all the phrases.

1. When he said that, he really hurt	my feelings.
2. In the job interview, he made	a good impression.
3. I respected my father because he always did	the right thing.
4. Her parents were angry because she told	a really big lie.
5. When he broke the window, he got	in a lot of trouble.
6. Every morning after I get up, I make	the bed.
7. After dinner, I have to do	the dishes.

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Read the paragraphs. Then choose the best concluding sentence for each paragraph.

<p>1. Last week, my husband was going to a job interview. He asked me about his tie. I told him that it was "OK." That wasn't true, but it made him feel good. He was confident in his interview and got the job.</p> <hr/>	<p>1. What's the best concluding sentence for paragraph 1?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> My marriage is very important to me.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lying is never a good thing to do.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Job interviews are really important.</p> <p>✓ <input checked="" type="radio"/> I don't like to lie, but I wanted to help him.</p>
<p>2. My father was a very honest man. He owned a hardware store. He had the same customers for many, many years. They always respected him for his honesty. He never sold them poor-quality hardware. He never became rich in money, but everyone in our small town was his friend, and his family loved him very much. He died a very happy man.</p> <hr/>	<p>2. What is the best concluding sentence for paragraph 2?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> My father lost a lot of money because of his honesty.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> It's really hard to succeed with a small business in a small town.</p> <p>✓ <input checked="" type="radio"/> Honesty can lead to riches that are more valuable than money.</p>
<p>3. I had a college roommate who never told a lie, even when it would hurt someone's feelings. Some people didn't like him, but I respected him a lot. He became a lawyer and helped</p>	

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3. What is the best concluding sentence for paragraph 3?

- Honest people don't succeed in life!
- Power is more important than money.
- When you tell the truth, people dislike you.

✓  No matter what happens, always be honest!

4. What is the best concluding sentence for paragraph 4?

- Now I tell lies often and don't feel bad about it.
- Now I tell small lies, but I refuse to tell big ones.

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- Now I tell small lies, but I refuse to tell big ones.
- Now I never lie, but my life is miserable.

✓  Now, instead of lying, I just say, "I don't know."

5. What's the best concluding sentence for paragraph 5?

- I'm going to retire soon, so I don't care what they say.

✓  Now I try to believe my students more.

- After so many years, I really don't

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Match the first part of the sentences to the second part of the sentences.

1. The salesmen lied	to sell more cars.
2. We invited friends over	to have dinner with us.
3. I lied about your dress	to avoid hurting your feelings.
4. I did some stretching exercises	in order to relax.
5. The criminal lied to the police officer	to avoid getting arrested.
6. John bought a necklace for his wife	in order to make her happy on her birthday.
7. Marta skipped English class in order to	go to the gym.
8. Harry drove his car really fast	to get to the baseball game.

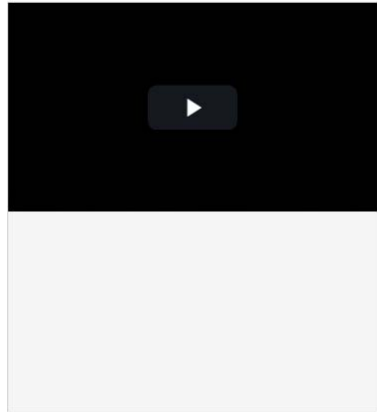
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Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the sentences.

1. He was in trouble **because** he broke a window.
2. They're hungry, **so** they're going to a restaurant.
3. **In order to** get to the meeting on time, I had to run up the stairs.
4. She was afraid to go out after dark **because** there was a lot of crime in the area.
5. He lied **because** he didn't want to get in trouble.
6. He was in a hurry, **so** he drove instead of going by bus.
7. He lied about his friend **in order to** get out of trouble.
8. She went back to school **in order to** get a better job.
9. She was very tired from work, **so** she went to bed early.

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Watch the video. Check the topics the video discusses.



- lie about job titles
- change own names
- change college names
- George O'Leary
- Ronald Zarrella
- invent employers
- add fake degrees
- leave out jobs
- Helen Martin

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