

36. 真実を使ったうそ(1)：構造理解

Beware of those who deliberately use aspects of the truth to deceive you and others.

When someone tells you something that is true, but intentionally leaves out important information that should be included for full comprehension on your part to take place, they can create a false impression.

For example, an acquaintance might tell you, “I just won a hundred dollars in the state lottery and it was fantastic when I took that one dollar ticket back to the store and turned it in for one hundred bucks!” This woman’s a winner, right? Maybe, maybe not.

In fact, you later learn that she had purchased not one ticket but instead two hundred for this specific lottery — and only one of these a winner! Eventually, you realize this woman, who you thought was ‘lucky’ or ‘fortunate’ is, in fact, a huge loser.

Although she didn’t say anything false, she clearly left out important information and likely did so on purpose.

That’s called a half-truth, which is not technically a lie, but it’s just as dishonest.
