

1A | Double lives

Can do (tick✓)

- ☐ I can understand a radio review of a television programme.
- ☐ I can understand the main ideas in magazine articles and TV listings.
- ☐ I can discuss what people are likely to lie about.
- ☐ I can use stative verbs to describe my emotions and opinions.

Lying

Why do you think some people might lie about the following things?

their age their qualifications their phone number their job

Annoying lies

Which lies do you find the most annoying when other people lie to you?



The 'Lie Detector' used by the California Police in the 1920s. The detector records a person's heart rate and any lies spoken are noted by an increase in the rate.

My imaginary lives

Imagine that you are like Walter Mitty and you live your life as if you are a dream character having an exciting life. Who will you be? Describe your character.

Now imagine that you are participating in the TV show *Faking It*. What job (completely different from your real work) would you like to try? Would you be successful in it?

Political parties

Write a short description of the main political parties in your country and what they stand for.

Diary

You are starting *Straightforward* Intermediate. What do you think will be good about studying this course?

Stative & dynamic

No more lies! Write some true sentences about you using the verbs in the forms given.

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1B | Britishness

Can do (tick ✓)

- ☐ I can understand different opinions about a topic.
- ☐ I can talk about my self-image.
- ☐ I can make subject and object questions.
- ☐ I can discuss my national culture.

When you think about Britain ...

Which of these things do you associate with Britain?

bad weather literature the sea football tea with milk
double-decker buses cricket Big Ben good food

Write three other things that you associate with Britain.

Who said what about Britain?

Can you match the quotes to their authors?

- 1 *England is a nation of shopkeepers.* 2 *Britain is a world by itself.*
3 *When two Englishmen meet,
first talk is of the weather.*

a William Shakespeare

b Dr Johnson

c Napoleon Bonaparte



Facts about Britain – True or false?

- 1 The average annual temperature in London is colder than Paris.
- 2 The UK is the only country in Europe where people drive on the left.
- 3 Fishing is the most popular participation sport in the UK.

Famous Britons

Which of these people are/were British or were born in Britain?

Charlie Chaplin Madonna Bono Alfred Hitchcock

*England and America are two countries
separated by a common language.*

George Bernard Shaw (Irish writer, 1856–1950)

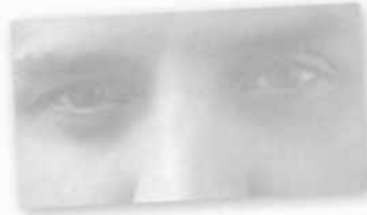
1c | First impressions

Can do (tick✓)

- ☐ I can talk about first impressions.
- ☐ I can describe someone's appearance.
- ☐ I can understand descriptions of people's jobs and characteristics.
- ☐ I can use the correct intonation for lists.

Meeting new people

What things do you usually notice about new people when you meet them for the first time? For example, do you typically notice their eyes, clothes, voice, character, hair, body language, or something else?



Diary

Do you think you have made a good impression in your English class? Why or why not?



Describing yourself

Which of these words would you use to describe yourself?

calm muscular friendly healthy slim
bald wide-eyed organized tanned cheerful
middle-aged

Now write a short description of yourself.

