

B Quotes about truth and lies 🎧

- When war is **declared**, truth is the first **casualty**. *Arthur Ponsonby*
- The most dangerous of all **falsehoods** is a slightly **distorted** truth. *C. G. Lichtenberg*
- Level with** your child by being honest. Nobody spots a **phoney** quicker than a child. *Mary MacCracken*
- There are only two ways of telling the complete truth: **anonymously** and **posthumously**. *Thomas Sowell*
- Tell the truth so as to **puzzle** and **confound** your **adversaries**. *Henry Wotton*
- We are never **deceived**; we deceive ourselves. *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

spotlight Types of lie

A **falsehood** FML is a lie. A **white lie** is a small lie, especially one you tell to avoid hurting someone. A **half-truth** is a statement which only gives some of the facts. A **fib** INF is an unimportant lie.

Glossary

- declare war / a ceasefire** announce the start of war or a ceasefire.
- casualty** sth that is destroyed or sb who suffers when sth else happens.
- distort sth** twist or change facts, etc. so that they are no longer true.
- level with sb** INF tell the truth and not hide any important facts.
- phoney** INF a person who is not honest or sincere. **phoney** ADJ, INF.
- anonymously** in such a way that the speaker's name is kept secret. **anonymity** N.
- posthumously** after sb has died.
- puzzle sb** make sb feel confused because they don't understand sth. **SYNS** **baffle sb**, **confound sb** FML, **puzzled** ADJ.
- adversary** FML an enemy or opponent.
- deceive sb** trick sb by behaving dishonestly (also **deceive yourself** refuse to admit that sth unpleasant is true **SYN** **delude yourself**). **deceit** N. **SYN** **deception** N.

3 Write the words in the correct column in the table.

phoney a white lie falsehood confound sb fib deceit
adversary level with sb declare sth distort sth

Formal	Informal	Neutral

4 Complete the dialogues.

- Did she sign her name on the letter? ~ No, she sent it _____.
- Why did Erich lose his job? ~ He was a _____ of the financial cutbacks.
- He was awarded the medal _____. ~ Yes, his widow accepted it on his behalf.
- I eat loads of vegetables. ~ That's a _____-truth. They're all on your pizzas!
- What's the latest news? ~ The rebels have _____ a ceasefire.
- Did you understand what she said? ~ No, I was a bit _____, actually.
- I'm good enough to win. ~ You're just _____ yourself; you won't.
- Was it true what he said? ~ No, he _____ the facts. I was very angry.

5 ABOUT YOU Look at the quotes again. Do you agree with them? Write your answers, or discuss with another student.

