

EXTENDED WRITING: HONESTY

B2 | Adults / Teens | Discussion Writing | 20–30 minutes | Set 2

Write developed answers. Support your ideas with reasons, examples, or a personal experience.

1. Do you consider yourself an honest person? Why?

2. When, if ever, is dishonesty wrong?

3. Why do people sometimes lie?

4. Do politicians have a duty to be honest?

5. Is a “white lie” acceptable?

6. When is it better to be tactful rather than completely direct?

7. Do people feel guilty after being dishonest?

8. What makes someone trustworthy?

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Possible B2 answers: Notice how each response gives a clear idea and support.

1. Do you consider yourself an honest person? Why?

Example: A developed answer about honesty could explain a personal view, give a clear reason and include a relevant example.

2. When, if ever, is dishonesty wrong?

Example: In my view, honesty is important because it affects everyday decisions and relationships. Context often matters more than one simple rule.

3. Why do people sometimes lie?

Example: I would consider both the advantages and possible difficulties before reaching a conclusion. Listening to other perspectives can improve the discussion.

4. Do politicians have a duty to be honest?

Example: This can vary greatly between individuals and cultures. A thoughtful answer should avoid assumptions and explain its reasoning.

5. Is a “white lie” acceptable?

Example: I think practical support and honest communication are usually more useful than quick judgement. Small actions can make a meaningful difference.

6. When is it better to be tactful rather than completely direct?

Example: Experience has taught me that long-term habits matter more than a single moment. It helps to set realistic goals and review progress.

7. Do people feel guilty after being dishonest?

Example: A good example would show how values and circumstances can shape a person's choices. There is rarely only one acceptable answer.

8. What makes someone trustworthy?

Example: Overall, I would try to respond with empathy and evidence. That approach leads to a more balanced and useful conclusion.
