

UNIT 6

A The Honesty Questionnaire

Read the questionnaire and answer the questions as honestly as you can. Then work out your score and see what it tells you about yourself.

- You are spending the weekend at a friend's house. While you are doing the washing up, you accidentally crack what was clearly an expensive wine glass. Would you:
 - hide the glass in the dustbin and hope that no one noticed?
 - explain what had happened and perhaps offer to buy a new one?
 - put the glass in the cupboard and not mention it?
 - say that someone else had broken it?
- You are with a small group of people on holiday. Someone expresses some strong political views on a subject, which you disagree with violently. Would you:
 - say that you thought they were right?
 - tell them quite bluntly that you thought they were talking rubbish?
 - suggest tactfully that there were other ways of looking at the question?
 - try and change the subject?
- You are a member of a team playing a tennis match. At an important point in the game, your opponent hits the ball, which lands very near the line, and he/she asks you if the ball was in. You saw clearly that it was. Would you:
 - play fair and say that the ball was in and give your opponent the point?
 - cheat and say the ball was out and take the point yourself?
 - say it would be best to play the point again?
 - say you were not sure?
- You and your boyfriend/girlfriend have been invited to a party, but you know your partner doesn't really want to go. You want to go because you know that someone you are very attracted to will be there. Would you:
 - try and discourage your partner from going with you?
 - be open and tell your partner why you really want to go?
 - not go to the party at all?
 - leave your partner to decide by himself/herself whether or not to go with you?
- You work in a dress shop and you get paid commission on the dresses you sell. A woman is interested in a dress which does not suit her and asks you what you think of it. Would you:
 - say it looks lovely but that you have seen something that might look even nicer?
 - say only that you have seen another dress that might suit her more?
 - tell her bluntly that it doesn't suit her?
 - tell her that it looks very nice and is an excellent choice?
- You have just found out that the boyfriend/girlfriend of a very close friend of yours has been seeing someone else. Your friend, who suspects something, asks if you know anything. Would you:
 - beat about the bush and say that you weren't sure either way?
 - be frank and tell them what you have heard?
 - deny that you know anything?
 - suggest that he/she should talk to their partner about it because it might be true?

- You are selling your car because it has been very unreliable and has been very difficult to start, especially in the mornings. Someone from a town a long way away wants to buy it and has just asked you if it is reliable when starting. Would you:
 - say that you have never had any serious problems with it?
 - say that you are selling it because it is so bad at starting?
 - try and cheat them by saying that it was particularly good at starting?
 - say that it has been giving a bit of trouble recently but that the problem can be fixed easily?
- Some people you know but find a bit boring have invited you to dinner at their house. Would you:
 - say that you didn't want to go and why?
 - accept and say that you were looking forward to it?
 - say that you couldn't go because you were going to be busy?
 - say you'd love to go, and then not turn up?
- A friend of yours at school took a teacher's motorbike for fun, but had a crash and damaged the bike before returning it. The teacher has just asked you if you know anything about it. Would you:
 - tell the teacher you think somebody completely different did it?
 - say you know nothing about it?
 - tell the teacher that your friend was responsible?
 - tell a white lie and then try and persuade your friend to tell the teacher himself?
- Someone you know has had her hair done. She looks awful, but the haircut cost a lot of money. Would you:
 - not mention her haircut at all?
 - tell her it suits her wonderfully?
 - say it will take time to get used to it?
 - ask her if she has had a fight with a hair dryer?

Now use the table below to add up your points, and see how honest you are.

1 A-2	B-4	C-3	D-1	6 A-2	B-4	C-1	D-3
2 A-1	B-4	C-3	D-2	7 A-2	B-4	C-1	D-3
3 A-4	B-1	C-3	D-2	8 A-4	B-2	C-3	D-1
4 A-1	B-4	C-3	D-2	9 A-1	B-2	C-4	D-3
5 A-2	B-3	C-4	D-1	10 A-2	B-1	C-3	D-4

Score:

10-16 You are not really the sort of person who would make a good friend. You lie, cheat and deceive people (including yourself) all the time. At times your dishonesty could almost be criminal. You had better learn to tell the truth, because you will never have any real friends if you carry on like this.

17-27 You don't tell the truth all the time, do you? You perhaps try to tell yourself that you lie to protect other people's feelings, but there is a little more to it than that. You are secretive, unreliable and a little untrustworthy. Try and be a little more open with your friends and the people you love, and don't try and avoid serious problems by lying.

28-35 You would be a good person to have as a friend. You can be trusted and don't delight in making people feel bad for no reason. You are the sort of person who can keep a promise and you don't run away from problems that need to be talked about. The only real lies you would tell are white lies as you are tactful and caring.

36-40 You must be very difficult to live with. You say exactly what you think. You like to think you are straight and honest, but you are often very blunt and rude, and hurt people's feelings for no reason. You are extremely open, and when someone asks you for an opinion, they know they will get the truth. But are you sure that the absolute truth is really what they always want to hear?

B Vocabulary 1

Choose a word or phrase from the questionnaire that means the opposite of the word or phrase in the table below. There is an example at the beginning (0).

honesty	0 dishonesty
1 _____	tactlessly
2 _____	to cheat
3 _____	to be secretive
reliable	4 _____
to tell the truth	5 _____
6 _____	to break a promise

C Language study 1

Rewrite these sentences using *wish* and *if only*. Use the word in bold.

Example:

I'm so tired of listening to your complaints.

would

I *wish you would stop* complaining.

1 It's such a shame Peter isn't here.

wish

I _____ here.

2 I hate having so few friends.

only

If _____ friends.

3 I would be so happy if the weather was warmer.

wish

I _____ warmer.

4 It's such a shame we can't be friends.

only

If _____ friends.

5 Do you ever regret not being famous?

wish

Do you _____ famous?

6 It's such a pity I'm so bad at maths.

better

If _____ maths.

D Use of English 1

Read these descriptions of two TV programmes. Decide which word, A, B, C or D, best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Film: *Wall Street* (C4, 10.25 p.m.)

'Greed is good,' (0) *says* Gecko (Michael Douglas), a 1980s businessman who (1) _____ a fortune from buying companies and selling them off. He (2) _____ together with an ambitious youngster (Charlie Sheen) and (3) _____ out a plan for an even bigger take-over. However, it (4) _____ out that the young man's father will (5) _____ his job if Gecko (6) _____ to bring the deal (7) _____. The action (8) _____ place in New York, where the director's father was a broker, and the bitter view seems to be based on personal experience. (Dir. Oliver Stone, 1987)

Film: *Abandoned* (BBC1, 11.15 p.m.)

This tense TV thriller tells the (9) _____ of Mary Bligh (Elizabeth Dow), who (10) _____ money from a London gang so that she can feed her family. When they realize that she will never be able to (11) _____ back the money they have (12) _____ her, they force her to take part in their (13) _____ activities. She runs away and several members of her family are killed. When she later (14) _____ a fortune on the Lottery, she returns to take (15) _____ on the criminals. (Dir. Harry Benson, 1996)

0	A tells	B says	C speaks	D talks
1	A pays	B earns	C deals	D does
2	A works	B meets	C comes	D gets
3	A works	B takes	C puts	D makes
4	A turns	B comes	C ends	D happens
5	A sack	B fire	C miss	D lose
6	A realizes	B succeeds	C achieves	D manages
7	A off	B up	C over	D out
8	A takes	B has	C holds	D finds
9	A plot	B events	C story	D plan
10	A borrows	B lends	C gains	D pays
11	A pay	B buy	C lend	D owe
12	A lent	B borrowed	C owed	D bought
13	A thief	B crook	C criminal	D gangster
14	A gains	B wins	C earns	D has
15	A attack	B revenge	C repayment	D return

E Language study 2

Complete the letter from a TV viewer to the programme *Viewpoint*. Use the correct form of the words in capitals. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Dear Viewpoint,

I am becoming increasingly (0) *worried* about the quality of programmes on television. I have therefore decided to write to say how (1) _____ I am that you cannot think of anything more (2) _____ to offer the public.

I was very (3) _____ to hear that you are planning to show even more police dramas, which many people find very (4) _____, and I doubt whether any viewers will be (5) _____ by your new (and probably very (6) _____) hospital drama series.

A few years ago, there were far more (7) _____ documentaries and (8) _____ films on TV, but everything seems to have changed. I find it (9) _____ that your standards have fallen so low, but, sadly, I am not (10) _____ that things will improve.

- 0 WORRY
- 1 DISAPPOINT
- 2 INTEREST
- 3 ANNOY
- 4 BORE
- 5 AMUSE
- 6 DEPRESS
- 7 FASCINATE
- 8 EXCITE
- 9 ASTONISH
- 10 CONVINCED

F Language study 3

Look at these situations and imagine what each person might say, using *I wish ...*

Remember: use *would(n't)* when you are complaining about someone else's behaviour, but do not say: *I wish I would ...*

Examples:

Jenny's son has a lot of annoying habits.
I wish he wouldn't make such a mess.

Anna told her horrible boss exactly what she thought of him yesterday, and now she is worried.
I wish I hadn't been so rude to him.

- 1 Jenny's son is complaining about his mother.

- 2 George sold his shares a few weeks ago for 235p and now they have gone up to 894p.

- 3 Jason is fed up with the behaviour of Sam, one of the other students in his class.

- 4 Lars has just started his military service, and doesn't like the way they treat him.

- 5 Mick is in prison.

- 6 Harry has just split up with his girlfriend because she was unhappy with the way he behaved.

- 7 Peter went for a drive and is now completely lost.

- 8 Mrs Green's children have left home, and they rarely get in touch with her.

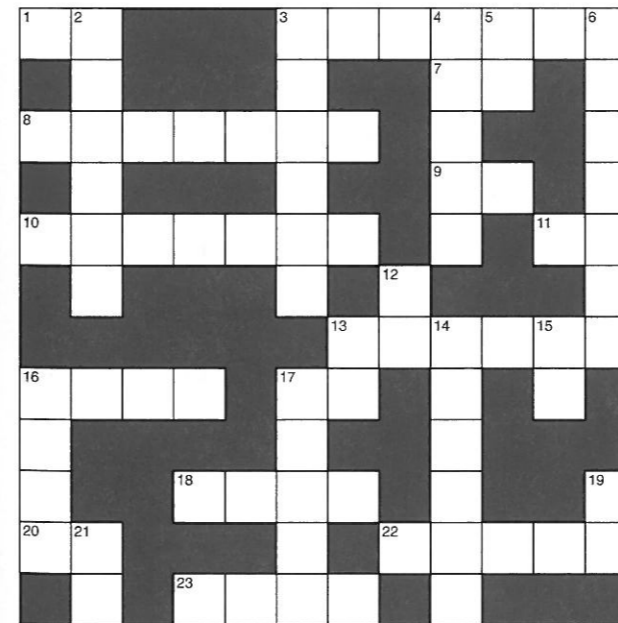
G Use of English 2

Rewrite these sentences using the word in bold.

- 1 I didn't find his jokes at all amusing.
by
I was _____ his jokes.
- 2 He regrets resigning, because he can't find a job.
wishes
He _____ because he can't find a job.
- 3 Could I borrow your bike this afternoon?
lend
Could _____ this afternoon?
- 4 I hate the way you treat my mother.
wish
I _____ my mother like that.
- 5 I wasn't frightened by the film, but my sister was terrified.
find
I didn't _____, but my sister was terrified.
- 6 It's such a pity I lost her phone number.
only
If _____ her phone number.

H Vocabulary 2

Find the missing adjectives or prepositions and write them in the squares. Look for words like *responsible for* and *proud of*. The number in brackets at the end of each clue tells you how long the word is.



ACROSS

- 1 I'm not surprised that he forgot your birthday. It's absolutely typical _____ him. (2)
- 3 The gunman should not be approached. He is highly dangerous and is _____ of doing almost anything – including shooting. (7)
- 7 You behaved very badly at the party. Even I was quite shocked _____ some of the things you said. (2)
- 8 Jan passed all her exams with good grades, so she was very _____ with her results. (7)
- 9 I think I'm going to try and get a new job. I'm fed _____ with the way my boss shouts at me. (2)
- 10 Jane's terribly _____ about what has happened to her cat. It hasn't been home for three days. (7)
- 11 I've always needed a calculator, because I'm not exactly brilliant _____ maths. (2)
- 13 She suffers from claustrophobia – that means she's _____ of enclosed spaces. (6)
- 16 You really needn't have bought me a present, but it's very _____ of you all the same. (4)
- 17 I was always terrible _____ tennis because I've got such bad eyesight. (2)
- 18 I find languages very difficult to learn, but I'm quite _____ at science. (4)
- 20 The opposite of *yes*. (2)
- 22 I feel very _____ for George. He has had such an unhappy life. (5)
- 23 My teacher was very pleased _____ me because I got all the answers right. (4)

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- 2 You'll have to type this letter again, I'm afraid. It's _____ spelling mistakes. (4,2)
- 3 How did you manage to do such a difficult sum so quickly? It was very _____ of you. (6)
- 4 Why was he shouting at you? What was he so angry _____? (5)
- 5 She's crying because she's upset _____ some of the things you said. (2)
- 6 The children are really _____ about their holiday in Disneyland next week. (7)
- 12 She's very fond _____ her nephew. (2)
- 13 She's very quick _____ running. (2)
- 14 You shouldn't have started eating before they sat down. It was very _____ you. (4,2)
- 15 I've never been interested _____ politics. (2)
- 16 She's very _____ on gardening. In fact, she spends most of her free time doing it. (4)
- 17 The contract is fine, on the whole, but there are one or two things I'm not happy _____. (5)
- 19 I've interviewed a few people but so far there's been no one I've been very impressed _____. (2)
- 21 I like tennis a lot, but I'm not all that keen _____ squash. (2)