

# Conversation Questions Honesty and Truthfulness

A Part of [Conversation Questions for the ESL Classroom](#).

## Honesty

- What is the definition of honesty?
- What do we mean when we say a person is honest?
- Why is honesty important?
- Why is honesty so difficult at times?
- When is honesty difficult?
- What is the opposite of honesty?
- Why is it good to be honest?
- Why is dishonesty not good?
- Is there a difference between honesty and truthfulness?
- Is there a different between dishonesty and lying?
- When have you been honest?
- When have you been dishonest?
- At what times do you appreciate people being honest with you?
- When have you had times when people have been dishonest with you?
- How do feel when you have been dishonest with someone?
- How do you feel when someone has been dishonest with you?
- Who have you been honest with?
- How can you be honest and not hurt someone?
- Is it ever all right to give only a partial truth?
- When might it be all right to give only a partial truth?
- When might it be kind more to be completely honest with someone?
- Are there people that you do not trust?
- How can you tell when people are being dishonest with you?
- How can people tell if you have been dishonest with them?
- What kind of problems does dishonesty cause?
- What are some common situations when people are sometimes dishonest?
- Is dishonesty every justifiable?

## Truthfulness

- What is truthfulness?
- What do we mean when we say that a person if truthful?
- Why is it important to be truthful?

- Are you always truthful?
- What problems do you encounter when you are not truthful?
- How can you tell when people are being truthful with you?
- How do people act when they are untruthful?
- How do you feel when people have been untruthful with you?
- How do you feel when you have been untruthful to others?
- What is a half truth?
- When have you told a half truth?
- Is a half truth really being truthful?
- What is a misleading truth?
- When have you heard a misleading truth?
- What professions are sometimes accused of giving misleading or half-truths?
- How can you tell when someone is not telling you the whole truth?
- What are some situations when telling a partial truth might be OK?
- When are times when it might be kinder to tell a partial truth to someone?
- What is the different between telling a partial truth and lying?
- How do you know when to trust someone?

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If you can think of another good question for this list, please [add it](#).

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