



Worksheet: Idioms for Lying and Dishonesty

This worksheet is designed to help you reflect on and apply 25 idioms that describe lying, dishonesty, and deception. The tasks below encourage deeper thinking, sentence construction, and creative use.

Part 1: Match the Idiom to Its Meaning

Match each idiom to its correct meaning by writing the letter next to the number.

1. White lie
2. Pull the wool over someone's eyes
3. Cook the books
4. Snake in the grass
5. Caught red-handed

Meanings:

- A. A secretly dishonest or dangerous person
- B. A harmless or polite lie
- C. To falsify financial records
- D. Discovered while doing something wrong
- E. To deceive or trick someone

Part 2: Fill in the Blank with an Idiom

Choose a suitable idiom from the word bank to complete each sentence.

1. When she was caught changing the test scores, she was _____.
2. Everyone thought he was trustworthy, but he turned out to be a _____.
3. I didn't want to hurt her feelings, so I told a _____.
4. The accountant was arrested after trying to _____.
5. He tried to _____ by pretending to be helpful, but we saw through him.

Word Bank: white lie, snake in the grass, caught red-handed, pull the wool over our eyes, cook the books

Part 3: Create Your Own Sentences

Choose any three idioms from the article and write your own sentence for each.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Part 4: Reflection Question

Why do you think people use idioms instead of literal language when talking about lying or dishonesty?

Answer Key

◆ Part 1: Match the Idiom to Its Meaning

Correct Matches:

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2. Pull the wool over someone's eyes → **E. To deceive or trick someone**
3. Cook the books → **C. To falsify financial records**
4. Snake in the grass → **A. A secretly dishonest or dangerous person**
5. Caught red-handed → **D. Discovered while doing something wrong**

◆ Part 2: Fill in the Blank with an Idiom

(Suggested answers using idioms from the word bank)

1. **Caught red-handed**
2. **Snake in the grass**
3. **White lie**
4. **Cook the books**
5. **Pull the wool over our eyes**

● Note: Accept variations as long as the idiom fits grammatically and contextually.

◆ Part 3: Create Your Own Sentences

✓ These answers will vary by student. Look for:

- Correct use of the idiom
- Sentence clarity
- Context appropriate to the idiom's meaning

Example:

"He told a white lie about being sick so he could skip the party."

◆ Part 4: Reflection Question

Open-ended. Strong responses might mention:

- Idioms make language more colorful or expressive
- They soften or dramatize meaning
- They show cultural ways of talking about honesty or deception