



recently took place, I've been told I need to learn how to lie (in case of emergency) because I suck - at it and lying would have benefited me more than honesty in several instances (debatable, to say the least). My peeps claim there is a very exact science to lying and it involves a sophisticated set of skills and talents, mostly related to one's ability to think on the spot. This is not my forte. Can you help? Thanks!

-Tragified in Texas

Dear Doc,  
How do you win at blackjack. I always lose!

-Playa

Dear Hatah,  
Basically what you need to do is look at the previous cards and on the basis of what just happened, bet accordingly. For example, if you just got dealt two tens, it is more unlikely that you'll see a ten in your next hand. Not 'for sure' mind you, but less likely. If you see four tens in a row, there is no way there will be another ten, what are the chances of that? So, bet accordingly, and watch the money roll in.

Dear Master of Science,  
I'm starting my business and I have a business luncheon next week with some potential investors. It's at the fanciest restaurant in town. How do I act? I'm a screw up loser trying for a second chance at learning how to fish for one's self! Help!

-Getting it Done

Dear Got Her Did,  
Business people like someone who asks for what they want. Suggest a strip club, you'll look like you're a high roller who knows the ropes. If they laugh you off act like you were joking too. Then, throughout the rest of the evening keep mentioning it in passing, they'll come around.

Order something and find something wrong when it arrives, even if you have to make it up. Scream at and berate the waitron. This'll make you look like you can handle any situation and get the job done no matter what the cost to human dignity and respect. After each course lick your dishes and offer to reuse them for the next course, this signals your commitment to frugality and efficiency. At the end of the night, demand that they write you a check right then and there or else there's no deal. And follow-through, unless it looks like they won't bite, then grovel. And most importantly, little fork is for salad, big fork for the main course.

Dear Master of Science,  
As a result of a series of unfortunate events that

Dear Tragified,  
Did you know that peacocks will sometimes stare at their reflection in pools of water for so long they die of thirst?

That was a lie. Could you tell? Probably not. In fact I'll bet you probably still think its true.

The 'science' of lying started with the Ancient Greeks. As a rite of passage, the older men would conspire to convince a boy on the cusp of manhood that he was insane. This often lead to death and/or hilarity.

Nowadays we know the 'science' to successful deception involves practice. 98% perspiration plus 2% inspiration makes for a smelly contraption, as Henry Ford said. Make a habit of lying. Lie to at least one person you care about each day. Eventually it will come naturally and you'll be lying about things you don't even feel the urge to lie about now. Think of all the fun destructive habits you can hide for awhile!

Tips and Tricks for Deceivery:

-As you lie, shift your eyes quickly back and forth which indicates casualness.

-To calm yourself, repeat: "God's not watching, God can't see, God doesn't mind."

-If your nose starts growing while lying, which it might, draw attention away by spitting on the sap.

-Put the person your lying to at ease by starting with, "I'm not lying to you..." Instant report!

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