

Reading

1 Read the text.

A career in lying

In the last year the viewing public have learned a great deal about a certain type of criminal in the extremely successful TV series *Hustle*. The first *Hustle* DVD is released this week and it's set to be a best-seller!

Hustle is all about the adventures of a group of con artists. Con artists are people who persuade rich people to give them lots of money to finance projects or plans that do not exist! The ideas are often very complicated. Sometimes the group create a real background for the trick by hiring actors, offices or houses to persuade the people they are conning that they are genuine. For them lying is an art!

In reality con artists are criminals, but in this series the group take money from the rich for a reason. The rich person might have committed a crime themselves or might just be a really nasty person! However, unlike the famous Robin Hood, who stole from the rich and gave to the poor, the 'Hustle' group keep the money for themselves!

This is an excellent series and this DVD is a must for those who like their stories complicated but very, very clever!

2 Choose the best answers.

- This text is
 - a news article about con artists.
 - educational.
 - giving a review.
- The con artists in *Hustle*
 - are very creative.
 - are genuine business people.
 - are actors.
- Con artists in the real world
 - steal money that isn't theirs.
 - work in offices.
 - give money to the poor.

- In *Hustle* the con artists
 - can be quite nasty.
 - help poor people.
 - make a lot of money.

- The stories in *Hustle*
 - are true.
 - are not straightforward.
 - are easy to understand.

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Vocabulary

3 Complete the sentences with the correct words.

- I'm going to try to give _____ coffee next week!
 - over
 - in
 - up
- Our plans for travelling across Europe fell _____.
 - down
 - over
 - through
- What time did you come _____ from London last night?
 - to
 - back
 - out
- Hold _____. I'll be with you in a moment.
 - up
 - on
 - down
- Breaking _____ on the motorway is one of my greatest fears!
 - down
 - up
 - through

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4 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

balcony basin hedge chandelier path

- The neighbours argued about who should cut the _____.
- There was a good view of the sea from the _____.
- The _____ in our hotel room was blocked all week.

- 4 The restaurant has a beautiful _____ hanging from the ceiling.
- 5 There's a narrow _____ from the garden down to the river.

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Grammar

5 Rewrite the sentences in reported speech.

- 1 'My brother doesn't think it's a very good idea,' she said.

- 2 'A trip to London will be good for your English,' Jack told me.

- 3 'I've never had such a good meal,' said Kate.

- 4 'We're looking for some new employees,' he told me.

- 5 'It was a really interesting journey,' she said.

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6 Complete the sentences with *can't*, *must* or *might*.

- 1 He _____ have finished the test yet. It's only 3.00 p.m.
- 2 He _____ have left already. His car's still here.
- 3 She _____ have told Fiona where she was going. Let's ask her if she did.
- 4 She _____ have been shopping. The fridge is full!
- 5 He _____ have e-mailed the client this morning but I'm not sure.

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7 Rewrite the sentences with the indirect object as a pronoun. Do not use *to* or *for*.

- 1 She taught English to our class when we were eleven.

- 2 Jack passed a note to Bill in class.

- 3 She told a lie about her qualifications to me.

- 4 I always read a story to the children before bed.

- 5 He played a new song by Mika to us.

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8 Report the questions.

- 1 'Will you be long?' he asked me.

- 2 'How are you going to get to London next week?' my mum asked me.


- 3 'Have you seen Mary?' Simon asked Tom.

- 4 'What's the time?' Daniel asked his dad.

- 5 'Did you go to the concert yesterday?' Grace asked Jane.

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Listening

9  3.06 Listen to a psychologist talking about lying. Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 People often tell small lies. _____
- 2 Telling lies can be bad for your health. _____
- 3 Lying doesn't get easier with practice. _____
- 4 You can never tell when someone is lying.

- 5 Body language can be a sign that someone is telling a lie. _____

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Writing

10 Imagine you have decided to spend a week at a hotel in a big city. Write a formal letter to the hotel to make a reservation for you and your family. Include the following information:

- the dates of your stay
- the number of guests, and the number and types of rooms you need
- ask for information about the hotel's facilities
- ask for information about where the hotel is and how to get there
- ask for confirmation of your reservation

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Total /60