

## Chap. 7 How to talk about liars and lying

### 1. well-known

*notorious*

Widely but unfavorably known

*unfavorable*

expressing disapproval : NEGATIVE

*notoriety*

(L) *notus*, known

*noted*

well-known by reputation

She is a noted scholar specializing in Latin-American literature.

### topic: reversal of the emotional tone

*notorious*

*noted*

*childlike*

marked by innocence, trust, and ingenuousness

*childish*

marked by or suggestive of immaturity and lack of poise

*poise*

graceful and elegant bearing in a person.

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### 2. top

*summit*

the top of a mountain

(L) *summus*, highest

*consummate*

A *consummate* artist has reached the very highest point of perfection;

and to *consummate* a marriage, a business deal, or a

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adj

1: extremely skilled and accomplished

a consummate liar

a consummate professional

2: of the highest degree

consummate skill

3: complete in every detail : PERFECT

a consummate model of a clipper ship

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verb

a: FINISH, COMPLETE

consummate a business deal

b: to make perfect

c: ACHIEVE

*consummateness*

*consummacy*

### 3. no help

Call people *incorrigible* if all efforts to correct or reform them are to no avail.

(L) *corrigo*, to correct or set straight

def: (of a person or their tendencies) not able to be corrected, improved, or reformed

*incorrigibility*

*incorrigibleness*

### 4. veterans

(L) *vetus*, old

*inveterate*

*Inveterate* liars have been lying for so long, and their habits are by now so deep-rooted, that one scarcely remember when they ever told the truth.

def: having a particular habit, activity, or interest that is long-established and unlikely to change.

*inveteracy*

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*veteran*

def: a person who has had long experience in a particular field.

## **5. birth**

(G) *genesis*, birth/origin

*genetics*

*genealogy*

the study of family trees or ancestral origins

*congenital*

*con-*, together

A *congenital* defect, deformity, condition occurs during the nine-month birth process.

def: (of a disease or physical abnormality) present from birth.

(of a person) having a particular trait from birth or by firmly established habit.

"a congenital liar"

*Hereditary* characteristics are acquired at the moment of conception.