

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) *corrigō*, 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.