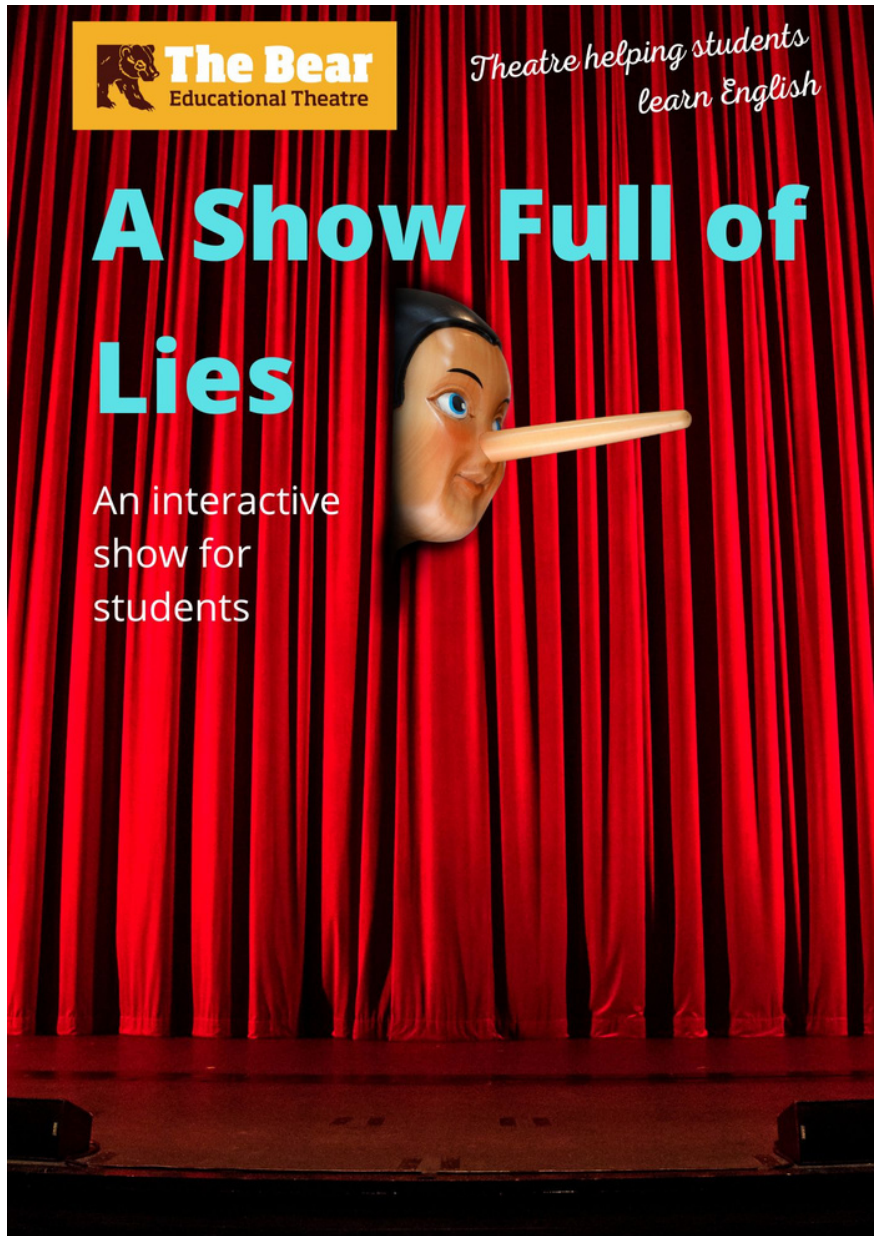




The Bear
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Teaching Materials to the show



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EXERCISE 1

Two Games with Lying

The first part of the show features these two simple games which feature lying.

Game 1 - Who Is Lying?

Students form groups of three or four and prepare to give a simple presentation to the class (or just to another group if that seems more appropriate). Each member of the group will say four things about a member of their family but one of them is lying about everything. The class (or the other group) have to guess who is lying.

An example of a presentation for this game could be - I am going to tell you about my uncle Bill. He lives alone in a flat in Manchester with a small dog. He used to be a taxi driver.

Game 2 - Why don't you have your homework?

This game is as simple as it sounds. The teacher asks a student in the class 'Why don't you have your homework? The student has to think of a reason why they do not have it (The dog ate it - My house was on fire, etc) This will work better if the students have a moment to prepare their ideas before the game starts. It can also start a conversation about how we can tell when somebody is lying to us.

EXERCISE 2

When is it okay to lie?

Some lies are considered acceptable, while other lies can be very dangerous and even criminal. The first part of the show looks at some different kinds of lying. Look at these examples of lies and say how you feel about them. How bad are they? Are they okay?

- Somebody tells a young child that Father Christmas will bring them presents.
- A politician lies about a dangerous mistake they made because it could make them unpopular.
- Somebody lies to their friend that their new haircut looks good.
- Somebody tells their friend that their boyfriend is being faithful, when they know it is not true.
- A company lies that their product is good for your health when it is not.

EXERCISE 3

Adverts

Do you watch adverts? What are the adverts that you can remember? Are there any adverts that you actually like? Talk about this.

Do you think that they work? Do you buy things because of adverts?



Imagine that you are a marketing team with a large budget. You have to design an advert for this new drink - Vitamin Water. What would you put in the advert? Models, athletes, celebrities, nice scenery? Is there a limit to what you can say or do in your advert? Do you have to tell the truth?

EXERCISE 4

Gaslighting

Gaslighting is a term that is used to describe special kind of lying. You can hear it used a lot these days in connection with the world of politics.

The term gaslighting comes from a stage play called Gaslight that was later made into a film. We explain the term and tell the story of the film during the show.

- Can you find a synopsis of the story of the film Gaslighting?
- How would you translate gaslighting into your language?

EXERCISE 5

Fact Checking

The last story in the show is called The Journalist and the politician. In the story Penny, the journalist gets this advice from her editors

information is a weapon and you have to be very careful with it. Information can make people angry, or sad ... or even go to war. So if you are the person who sends information into the world you have a great responsibility. Get your facts right. Don't publish anything, even on instagram, unless you are sure

it is true. Check what you read in the newspapers, check the TV news. Don't believe anything, check everything, okay?

Do you agree with this advice?

Look at this story that was published on social media and then try to fact check it. Is it true? How can you know? What are the things that make you think it is suspicious or probably okay?

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