

Lesson 3 - Behaviour

Honest or dishonest

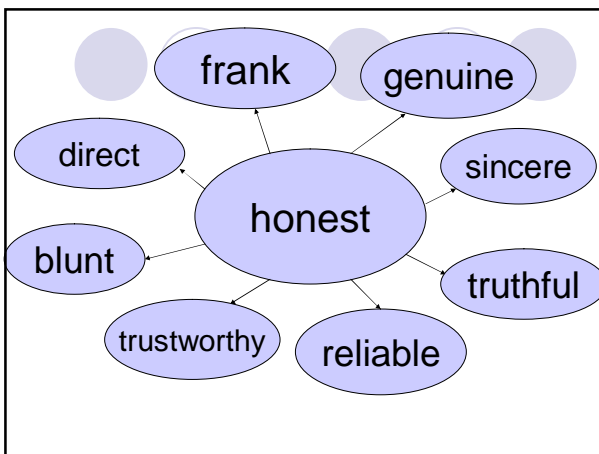
truthful vs. sincere and genuine

- truthful: true (something); honest (somebody)
- sincere: (of a person) believing or meaning what you say (especially when saying nice things); (of feeling etc.) truly and deeply felt

Genuine: sincere ; really what it appears to be

e.g.:

1. Be **truthful**. Do you like my new suit or not ?
2. I don 't think that's an entirely **truthful** answer.
3. She's very **sincere**, so if she says she likes you, you can be sure she does.
4. Please accept our **sincere** apologies for the misunderstanding.
5. She 's making a **genuine** effort to be more friendly.



trustworthy vs. reliable

- trustworthy: can be trusted
- reliable: can be relied on, believable

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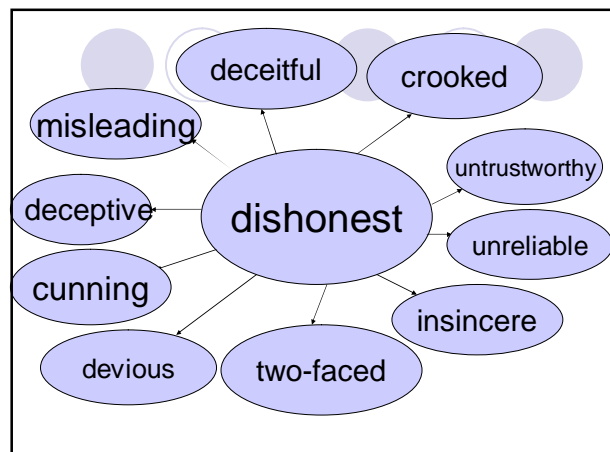
1. Shall we tell him our secret ? Is he **trustworthy** enough ?
2. Don't believe everything you read - the newspapers are not always entirely **reliable**.

Frank vs. direct and blunt

- frank: honest and open in expressing your real thoughts and feelings (even if the other person may not like them).
- Direct: honest and going straight to the point, without hesitation
- Blunt: speaking directly, without trying to be polite or hide your true opinion, even if what you have to say is unpleasant

e.g.:

1. She was completely **frank** with him - either he worked harder or he would be out of a job
2. He was very **direct** and wasted no time in asking me if I was married.
3. I'm going to be **blunt** with you - if you go on like this, you'll never pass your exams.



Deceitful vs. crooked

| deceitful: trying to hide the truth or making sb believe sth untrue

| crooked: dishonest, in a criminal way and in connection with money or business

e.g.:

1. Don't you think you're being rather **deceitful** by not mentioning that you spent two years in prison ?
2. Don't get involved with him - he 's **crooked**. I don't know how he manages to earn so much money, but you can be sure it involves something **crooked**.

Two-faced vs. devious and cunning

| Two-faced: dishonest

| Devious: dishonest, especially in a clever, complicated or indirect way

| Cunning: cleverly deceitful

e.g.:

1. How **two-faced** can you get ! Only yesterday he told me how well I was doing and today he 's been telling everyone that I'm useless.
2. He was prepared to use any means, no matter how **devious**, to secure the contract.
3. Reducing income tax just before the election was a **cunning** move by the government to get themselves reelected.

Fixed expressions to learn

| To speak your mind

| To deceive

| To trick

| To cheat

| To fool

| To con

| To rip off

| To be taken in

| To fall for

| To do sb out of sth