

TOEFL Independent Writing Practice Test 1

For this task, you will write an essay in response to a question that asks you to state, explain, and support your opinion on an issue. You'll have **30 minutes** to write your essay. Typically, an effective essay will contain a minimum of 350 words.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Always telling the truth is the most important consideration in any relationship. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Sample Answer: From the childhood, “Always tell the Truth” is probably the commonest statement we heard. The virtue of speaking the truth can never be denied but one more important factor to consider while saying the truth is the “situations”. In today’s world, it is a belief that that telling the truth is not at all the best policy always, especially while dealing with near and dear ones. It is a truth that hard truth on the face can ruin a relationship. Maybe, this is why truth itself is vague nowadays. This essay discusses why telling the truth is important in relationships. Truth is sometimes bitter, too hard and it has the capability of offending to the listener. On the other side, lies are sweet and there is no better tool than lies to manipulate people. Be it the relationship or business world, lies like “will never break your trust” or “the finest product in the cheapest price” is in. but mostly the purpose of these lies is to gain the trust of the people on the other side for the time being. But, lies cannot be permanent always and truth unveils shortly. In terms of relationships, we actually afraid to lose the people by saying the truth. We afraid of hurting our near and dear ones too with the harsh truths. We take the help of

lies to suppress our confrontations and save ourselves from disputes. Here, the risk factor is the truth can unpredictably come in front in any form, which can cause utter chaos. The untimely arrival of the truth destroys the basic trust of relationships, which we actually wanted to save with lies. Its impacts will hurt both in the future. So, telling the truth at the initial stage is necessary. If the relationship is destined to move forward it will, if it is destined to ruin just because of truth, no lie can save it. Also, the habit of telling lies is like a toxic habit. In case, a person develops a habit of speaking the lies, the habit of speaking the truth will slowly vanish. For every simple thing, he or she will take the help of lies. Shortly a day will come when no one will believe him or her as it happened in "the boy who cried wolf." Lies can temporarily save a relationship, but for the future, it is like a burden that gets heavier day by day. So, speaking truth is always preferable for a strong bond because lie no matter how small it is cannot be the base of a relationship. It can create serious trust issues. Telling the truth can create a temporary bitterness, which can change shortly, but lies create serious trust issues that break the relationship forever