

Preparing to Write Your Diagnostic Essay
Your Thoughts about Lying: A Response to Judith Viorst’s Essay “The Truth about Lies”

1. Viorst writes about 4 kinds of lies. For each one, discuss the definition & whether you tell this kind of lie. For the lies you do tell or have told, in the space below, give an example (or several) from your own experience of when you told such a lie. Think also about why you told it and how you felt about telling it. Also or instead, consider when you would tell a lie & why.

Social Lies _____

Peace-Keeping Lies _____

Protective Lies _____

Trust-Keeping Lies _____

Other kinds of lies _____

2. What do you think overall about lying? What's your thesis—one main idea—about lying?
