

## Questions: What Counts as a Lie? (Part 1)

Each one of the following five questions shall ask you to state a dictionary definition of the substantive noun “lie”. After looking up a definition in a dictionary, state the *definition*, and then state the name of *dictionary* in which you found that definition. After that, you will be asked to answer five yes-or-no questions. If you want to explain (or defend) your answer to any of the yes-or-no questions, feel free to do so, for that might make the difference between whether or not your answer to the question is marked as correct. In other words, if you can make a case for your answer, then you have a better chance of ensuring that you get credit for it.

A word of caution is due. There are many different meanings of the word “lie”. As a verb, the word “to lie” either could mean “to lie down” or “to tell a lie”. The meaning of our concern is the *latter* meaning (“to tell a lie”) rather than the *former* meaning (“to lie down”). Hence when you look up definitions for the substantive noun “lie”, make sure to look up a definition of the word in the sense of “*to tell a lie*”.

1. State a dictionary definition of the word “lie”.

In which dictionary did you find this definition?

(i) Does the definition include **the falsity condition**?

(ii) Does the definition include **the statement-making condition**?

(iii) Does the definition include **the interlocutor condition**?

(iv) Does the definition include **the untruthful propositional attitude condition**?

(v) Does the definition include **the deception condition**?

2. State a dictionary definition of the word “lie”.

In which dictionary did you find this definition?

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3. State a dictionary definition of the word “lie”.

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4. State a dictionary definition of the word “lie”.

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5. State a dictionary definition of the word “lie”.

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