Write an Argument Essay

Is it okay to lie?

**Step 1:**

Consider what you read in the article, as well as your own viewpoints. Decide whether or not is it okay to lie, and write your opinion below.

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| **Yes it is okay to lie ……… No is it never okay to lie**  Explain: |

**Step 2 :** Write a 3-4 sentence summary of the article:

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**Step 3:**

Gather your evidence: look back through the article and select **three** pieces of evidence to support your opinion. First, include the direct quote, and then explain the quote.

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| Quote to support your opinion  **Example**: On page 26, the article states “ A lie is a statement that is deliberately mean to mislead.” | Explain your quote  **Example**: This quote explains that lying is intentional and meant to make others believe things that are not true. By doing this, the person being lied to is being deceived. |
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**Step 4:**

Acknowledge the other side : Explain why the other side would disagree with you, but also make your stance clear!

**Example: While lying is morally wrong and misleads those who are being lied to, sometimes it seems to be the only option to protect other’s feelings.**

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**Step 5 :**

**Craft your thesis**

Your thesis is one sentence that states the **central claim** for your essay.

**Example:** There is a difference between lying with the intent to hurt someone, and lying to protect other’s feelings, which is why in some cases it is okay to tell a lie.

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**Outline for your essay**

1. **Intro** 
   1. Open with a hook
   2. Transition sentence from hook to your opinion on lying
   3. Summary of the issue
   4. Finish with your thesis
2. **Body Paragraph**
   1. Topic sentence (what is the purpose for this paragraph)
   2. Point 1 (using your quote from the text, as well as your explanation)
   3. Point 2 (using your quote from the text, as well as your explanation)
   4. Point 3 (using your quote from the text, as well as your explanation)
3. **Acknowledge the other side**
   1. Explain why the opposing side would think you are wrong
4. **Conclusion Paragraph** 
   1. Remind readers of your main points
   2. Restate your thesis
   3. Finish with a final thought for your reader to consider