

Honesty 诚实

How important is honesty to you? 对你来说诚实很重要吗?

Some people in London said:

Man 1: I think it's really important, because when you're honest in little things then you're honest in big things.

Man 2: I think honesty is very important because other people can rely on you when you're honest.

Presenter: Do you think that it is ever okay to be dishonest? 什么时候不诚实反倒好?

Woman 1: I guess it's not okay to be dishonest. It always backfires!

Man 3: Yeah of course, to prevent hurting other people when the truth will actually hurt people more than the lie. So I think, a little white lie.

Woman 2: There are times when you can be overly honest. Sometimes some things don't need to be said.

Woman 3: I think that being honest to the people that you care about is an important thing, to build the trust between you. But sometimes telling a white lie actually might be better. I would always try and take into consideration someone's feelings.

Did you know...? 你知道吗...?

Fact

We often think we can tell whether someone is lying. But research has shown that we're really not good at all at spotting a liar.

Language tip

We say 'tell the truth' not 'say the truth'.

Cultural tip

In Britain, a lot of people believe that used car salesmen and estate agents are more dishonest than other people!

Here is the webpage for this programme:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/ukchina/simp/elt/ask_about_britain/110405_ee_11_honesty_story.shtml