

Analyzing a paragraph

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Topic sentence:

Lying has to do with pretending, misrepresenting or faking.

Elaboration - defines class of people you can lie to:

You can do those things with yourself or others.

Easy example of lying:

If you know something is false, and you say it, that's lying.

More complicated example of lying:

And if you choose not to consider whether it's true or false, and then hide your ignorance (from yourself or others), then you're pretending to have a more reality-based approach to life than you do, and lying about that when you falsely present yourself as knowing more than you do.