

I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER!

– aka “The Lying Game”

In this game, you can *lie* or *tell the truth*. Your classmates have to guess if you are *lying*, or *telling the truth*.

Here’s how to play the game:

1. Answer this question: “What did you do last summer?”
2. *Tell a lie, or tell the truth*. If you tell the truth, you have to *continue to tell the truth!*
3. Answer questions from your classmates.
4. Let your classmates guess if it is *a lie* or *the truth*.
5. Tell your partners if it is *a lie* or *the truth*.

Your teacher’s answer to question 1 is this: “_____”

Make questions about your teacher’s answer:

When...

Where...

Who...

Why...

What...

How long...

How much...

SAMPLE DIALOGUE

Look at this dialogue from a game of “I know what you did last summer!” Complete the gaps with an appropriate word.

A: What did you do last summer t_____?

B: I went to Spain

A: D_____ you?

B: Yep, I s_____ did.

A: Ok, when did you go there e_____?

B: It was at the beginning of summer I think... Well, the end of May to be h_____.

B: So, it wasn't really the summer, w_____ it?

A: Well, I think it was. Doesn't the end of May count as summer? I think it d_____, doesn't it?

B: Ok, well, next question, w_____s in Spain did you go?

A: I went to a place on the coast. Benidorm.

B: Really? Ok. What was it l_____ then?

A: Well, it's a bit of a tourist trap to be f_____. There are loads of English tourists there, which isn't very nice, but I didn't really go there for the beach.

B: D_____ you? So, why did you go there then?

A: For the rock climbing.

B: Rock climbing? I didn't know you _____ a rock climber! How long have you _____ that?

A: Oh, a few years off and on. Probably about 5 years in t_____.

B: Five years? I never knew that a _____ you. How come you've never said anything about that before.

A: I dunno. Maybe you weren't listening or something. Well, you learn something new every day, d_____ you. I only do it occasionally these days actually.

B: So, who did you go with? You didn't go alone, d_____ you?

A: No, I went with some friends as a m_____ of fact. A couple of friends who I go climbing with.

B: A couple of friends. A _____ then, what are their names?

A: Erm... ..Matt and ...Aaron.

B: Hmm, why did you p_____ before you answered that?

A: I d_____, d_____ I?

B: Yes, you did actually. There was quite a long gap before you answered. It's like you had to think about it.

A: It was a year ago, and my memory isn't very good, t_____ all!

B: R_____. Your memory isn't good. Sure. Ok, next question then. Where did you stay?

A: Erm... in a place. Just a place... just s_____ accommodation.

B: What kind of accommodation, s_____y?

A: It was a, k_____ of, climbing hostel, where climbers stay.

B: A climbing hostel. I've never h_____ o_____ one of those...

A: No, you w_____ have, w_____ you. You're not a climber.

B: Fair e_____. Ok, how many people were staying at the hostel?

A: How many people? I can't really remember. It was a while a_____ now, so...

B: You can't remember? D_____ you meet any people at the hostel?

A: Well, yes there were a few people. Actually, I think we only met about 3 people. A married couple, and a guy on his own.

B: Only 3 people in the whole hostel? I don't b_____ you!

A: Come on! It was a small hostel. I'm t_____ the truth. Look into my eyes and tell me I'm lying...

Do you think A is lying or telling the truth?

ANSWERS – THE COMPLETE DIALOGUE

Here's the complete dialogue. Practise reading the dialogue with your partner. Focus on your intonation to make it sound natural.

A: What did you do last summer then?

B: I went to Spain.

A: Did you?

B: Yep, I sure did.

A: Ok, when did you go there exactly?

B: It was at the beginning of summer I think... Well, the end of May to be honest.

B: So, it wasn't really the summer, was it.

A: Well, I think it was, yeah. Doesn't the end of May count as summer? I think it does, doesn't it?

B: Ok, well, next question, whereabouts in Spain did you go?

A: I went to a place on the coast. Benidorm.

B: Really? Ok. What was it like then?

A: Well, it's a bit of a tourist trap to be fair. There are loads of English tourists there, which isn't very nice, but I didn't really go there for the beach.

B: Did you? So, why did you go there then?

A: For the rock climbing.

B: Rock climbing? I didn't know you were a rock climber! How long have you been doing that then?

A: Oh, a few years off and on. Probably about 5 years in total.

B: Five years? I never knew that about you. How come you've never said anything about that before.

A: I dunno. Maybe you weren't listening or something. Well, you learn something new every day, don't you. I only do it occasionally these days actually.

B: So, who did you go with? You didn't go alone, did you?

A: No, I went with some friends as a matter of fact. A couple of friends who I go climbing with.

B: A couple of friends. Alright then, what are their names?

A: Erm... ..Matt and ...Aaron.

B: Hmm, why did you pause before you answered that?

A: I didn't, did I?

B: Yes, you did actually. There was quite a long gap before you answered. It's like you had to think about it.

A: It was a year ago, and my memory isn't very good, that's all!

B: Right. Your memory isn't good. Sure. Ok, next question then. Where did you stay?

A: Erm... in a place. Just a place... just some accommodation.

B: What kind of accommodation, specifically?

A: It was a, kind of, climbing hostel, where climbers stay.

B: A climbing hostel. I've never heard of one of those...

A: No, you wouldn't have, would you. You're not a climber.

B: Fair enough. Ok, how many people were staying at the hostel?

A: How many people? I can't really remember. It was a while ago now, so...

B: You can't remember? Didn't you meet any people at the hostel?

A: Well, yes there were a few people. Actually, I think we only met about 3 people. A married couple, and a guy on his own.

B: Only 3 people in the whole hostel? I don't believe you!

A: Come on! It was a small hostel. I'm telling the truth. Look into my eyes and tell me I'm lying...

USEFUL LANGUAGE

Try to use expressions like these to make your conversations sound more natural.

What did you do **then**? (**then** is not a time expression here)

Did you? Really? (This can sound suspicious, or friendly – depending on the situation and the intonation)

Yep, I sure did. (**sure** is used to emphasise that you definitely did it, especially when someone is sceptical of you – you could also say “I **certainly** did”)

When did you go **exactly**? / When **exactly** did you go? (use **exactly** to get more specific info)

It was at the end of May **to be honest** (this is very common, even when people don't normally lie a lot – it's a bit like saying **actually**)

It wasn't really the summer, **was it.** (downward intonation means you think it wasn't the summer, upward intonation means you're not sure)

Whereabouts in Spain did you go? (this means **where exactly**)

What was it like? (a very common question – the answer is: it was nice, it was hot, it was cheap, etc)

It's **a bit of a** tourist trap **to be fair.** (**a bit** is very common and it means slightly – use **a bit of a** + noun, e.g. It was a bit of a nightmare. **To be fair** is like **to be honest** and is used to give a balanced view of something)

I think **it does, doesn't it?** (auxiliary verbs are used instead of repeating the whole clause – tag questions are a really good way of persuading someone to agree with you)

How come you've never said anything about that before? (an informal expression for **why**)

I only do it occasionally **actually.** (a very common expression – sounds natural – means **as a matter of fact.** It does not mean *currently* – watch out for false friends!)

You didn't go alone, did you? (negative statement with a positive tag Q and upward intonation = expression of surprise or disbelief)

I went with a couple of friends **as a matter of fact.** (means **actually**)

Alright then, what are their names? (this is like saying, **ok so...**)

I didn't, did I?

Yes, you did actually. (more auxiliary verbs – see above)

Right. Your memory isn't good. **Sure.** (**right** and **sure** can be ways of showing you believe someone – but can be used to sound sarcastic, like you don't believe someone)

It was, **kind of,** a climbing hostel. (a common expression which people use when they're struggling to describe something)

Well, **you wouldn't have, would you.** (More auxiliary verbs. The complete sentence would be: **You wouldn't have heard of a climbing hostel, would you.** – downward intonation because this is not really a question)

Fair enough. (this means **I think what you said is reasonable**)

I don't believe you.

I'm telling the truth.

Come on! (This is used to express disbelief or injustice)