

Anecdotes bluff
extended speaking/ idioms/ slang
Landmark Advanced Unit 4

Choose one of the situations below and tell a personal anecdote about it, using your imagination if you can't think of anything true. After you finish, your partner will guess whether your story is true or made up, then take turns doing the same. Your teacher will tell you how to choose (your own choice from the worksheet, dealing out the cards and choosing one in your hand, etc).

Useful language for playing the game

- I've got an interesting story about...
- Something happened to me (the other day) connected to...
- I guess that it's (pure) imagination
- I'm not sure, but I'd say that it's true
- That seems believable
- You've got a real poker face!/ You're a great liar/ You had me (totally) fooled!
- I thought so.
- I knew that you were lying/ making it up because...

When your teacher stops you, look at all of the vocabulary and ask about any you are not sure about, working together to tell real connected anecdotes or guessing if your teacher's anecdotes are true each time.

Work together to put as much of that vocabulary as you can into one imaginary anecdote.

Vocabulary to choose and tell anecdotes about

An accident on my bike or a near miss	Déjà vu	A rude gesture
A (virtually) deserted place	A sixth sense	A car accident or near miss
An unnecessary worry	Road rage	The last train/ The second to last train
Abuse/ Insults	Intuition	Beat up/ Knock someone's head off
Motorway	Putting something off	Swerve
A mental list	Asking for a ciggie/ a fag	An onerous task
A call of nature/ Taking a leak	Headhunting	Being kicked out
Between jobs	Economical with the truth	A drink problem
Hard-up	A hanky/ hankie	A sarnie
Specs	A woolly hat	The zapper
Feeling peckish	Feeling parched	Feeling gutted
Feeling shattered	Tipsy/ Sozzled	The powder room/ The smallest room/ The WC
Come up for a coffee	Breaking wind/ A blow off/ A bottom burp	Fall off the back of a lorry
A bun in the oven	Weed/ Black/ Maria/ Grass	