

Truth or Lie?

Charles and Catherine are in the Entrance Hall, ready to go out for a night at the theatre! What do you think they might be taking with them? Show each picture to your family and see who can guess the right answers from this truth or lie game!

Instructions

Print out the picture card sheet and object description sheet on two separate pieces of paper. Sit your family down in a circle, and put the picture sheet in the middle for everyone to see. Hold the description sheet so only you can see it!

Read the three descriptions for object A slowly. Remember they will be looking at your face and listening to your voice to see if you give away any clues that you might be lying!

Let your family choose which they think is the correct description from the three and then reveal the truth! Give each person who guessed the truth 10 points! Give each person who guessed a lie minus 5 points!



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Mystery object A



Mystery object B



Mystery object C



Mystery object D

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Object A

- 1 This is a nutmeg box. Nutmeg is a spice. In the nineteenth century, people inhaled ground nutmeg up their noses! It smelt nice and it made them feel relaxed after dinner. Some people did the same thing with tobacco and called it snuff.
- 2 This is the box in which Charles Dickens kept his pet spider, Scuttle. Charles' close friend, Daniel Maclise gave Scuttle to Charles as a present when Charles said he wanted to become a professional zookeeper after they visited London Zoo together in September 1838.
- 3 This is a breath mint box! Garlic was one of Charles' favourite foods but he hated garlic-breath! He kept his breath mints in this little silver box and popped them in his mouth before he had conversations with people that he liked.

Quizmaster – number 1 is the truth!

Object B

- 1 This is a silver snack pouch which Catherine wore around her neck on long journeys. It was both attractive and highly useful!
- 2 This was Charles' favourite autumn accessory. Each time he went for a walk, he'd keep an eye out for the best conkers. He collected and protected them in this silver chainmail pouch.
- 3 This was Charles' coin purse, in which he kept his money when he was out and about. To stop people cutting it open and stealing his money, it was made of silver chainmail.

Quizmaster – number 3 is the truth!

Object C

- 1 These are opera glasses. Charles loved the theatre and used these to get a better view of the stage during performances.
- 2 Charles observed people very closely as inspiration for his characters. He used these binoculars to spy on people as closely as possible while he was out walking.
- 3 This pair of sunglasses, were Catherine's favourites. Even though they were very chunky and heavy, they protected her eyes from bright sunlight.

Quizmaster – number 1 is the truth!

Object D

- 1 Victorian London was a very polluted place. The air was thick with chimney smoke, sewage was dumped straight into the river and horse poo covered the streets! Ladies like Catherine wore nose pegs like these to avoid nasty smells!
- 2 The hem of a skirt could get very dirty from dragging along the street. This is a skirt lifter which was clipped to the hem of a lady's dress and attached to her waistband by a chain. Instead of using her hands when she needed to lift the skirt to get into a carriage, she would pull the chain to raise the skirt, thus keeping her hands pristine and clean!
- 3 Tea was a crucial part of a Victorian person's day! These sugar tongs allowed sugar to be delicately plopped into each cup without the risk of a damp spoon clogging up the sugar bowl!

Quizmaster – number 2 is the truth!