

# Truth or Flattery?

"You look amazing in those new pants!" Is that statement the truth or is the speaker trying to flatter you? Well, you might indeed look terrific, but the speaker is also trying to flatter you by expressing an opinion. Here's another question: Is the statement that you are wearing new pants the truth or an example of flattery?

That one's clear: It's the truth, because it's a fact, or something that can be proven.

**Directions:** Circle **Truth** or **Flattery** for each statement or phrase below in the play "The Emperor's New Clothes."

**1.**  
Kristoff Brand:

"At last you will have a wardrobe that's worthy of your exalted excellence."

**Truth**

**Flattery**

**2.**  
Winthrop  
Winston:

". . . you've got power; you've got riches . . ."

**Truth**

**Flattery**

**3.**  
Lolita Lennox:

"Observe how the iridescence of the fabric complements the color of his eyes."

**Truth**

**Flattery**

**4.**  
Winifred Wilson  
Winter:

"Your Highness, it seems that you are the greatest ruler who has ever lived."

**Truth**

**Flattery**

**5.**  
A Wise Child:

"Look! The Emperor's wearing nothing but his underwear!"

**Truth**

**Flattery**

**6.**  
Emperor:

". . . my newest and most trusted adviser shall be the Wise Child, who had the courage to speak the truth . . ."

**Truth**

**Flattery**

**7.**  
Kristoff Brand:

"I've fitted a lot of kings, Your Highness, but I must say that your bearing is the kingliest of them all."

**Truth**

**Flattery**

**8.**  
Lolita Lennox:

". . . your regal regalia will be ready in the morning . . ."

**Truth**

**Flattery**