

HONESTY

Have you ever been tempted to tell a lie? In this lesson, discover why it's important to be honest, always make sure that you tell the truth to the family and friends, and how you can avoid hurting someone's feelings when telling the truth might be hard to do.

Let's Be Honest

Many times, in life, you may have faced with the choice of telling the truth or telling a lie. Sometimes those lies might be extremely tempting! You might want to lie so you won't get in trouble or, in some cases, to avoid hurting other people's feelings. No matter what the situation, being honest and telling the truth is always the best choice.



Can you think of sometimes when you have been faced with the choice of lying or telling the truth?

Why is Honesty Important? Why is it so important to tell the truth?

In general, you want to be known as someone who is trustworthy. A person who is trustworthy can be counted on to tell the truth. If you look at the two words that make up the compound word of *trustworthy*, it makes sense: Telling the truth makes you worthy of someone's trust. You always want your friends and family to be able to count on you.

If you lie often, people will begin to question the things you say and may not believe you. In fact, they may think you are lying all the time, even when you are telling the truth.

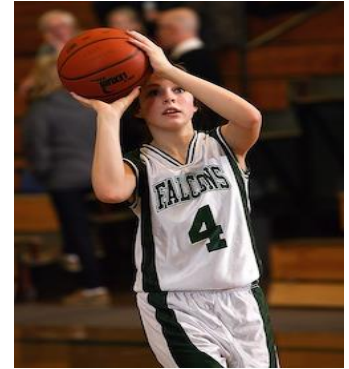


Friends have fun together when they know they can trust each other to tell the truth.

What About Exaggerations?

Sometimes, you may be faced with situations where you might want to tell the truth but **exaggerate** it. This means that you talk about an event that did happen but change or add details that didn't happen.

Here's an example of an exaggeration. You played a big basketball game on Saturday, and at school your friends want to know how you played. You scored six points, but you want to impress your friends, so you tell them you scored sixteen. You've taken the truth and changed the details, which is being dishonest.



Be honest with your friends and do not exaggerate details of the big game.

After we got acquainted with the meaning of honesty and its importance to us, I put this activity in your hands, and I hope you will answer it and photograph your answers and send them via e-mail to calculate the points and honor you at the end of the semester.

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Trustworthy
people are honest
people that you

- 1 What 3 things show your honesty?
- 2 How do you feel when somebody isn't being honest?
- 3 Why is it important to be an honest person?
- 4 Write 3 classroom rules that help everyone to remember to be honest.
- 5 What consequence should be in place for not being honest?
- 6 If somebody isn't being honest with you, what will you do?
- 7 On the back of this page, make a poster about being honest and truthful.

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