

The Class Inspection

The inspector was about to come to the school next day for inspection. He would take tests to know performance of the students. He would also know how the teacher has taught the children. The headmaster wanted the children to perform well in the test. If they did, the school would get a good name.

The inspector came to Mohan's class. He gave a dictation test. He spoke a few words and the students wrote them down. The first word was 'house', the second 'family'. Mohan was doing well. He had written them correctly. Then the words were 'food', and 'kitchen'. Mohan was doing all right.

Then the inspector pronounced 'kettle'. Mohan had not heard that word before. He did not know the correct spelling of the word and wrote 'kettal'. His class teacher was standing by his side and watching his performance.



After a while the teacher stepped lightly on his foot and gestured him to see the copy of his neighbour, Rohan. Mohan didn't cheat and gave the copy to the inspector. He got only 8 out of 10 in the dictation.

After the inspector left, the teacher shouted at Mohan. "I wanted all the students to get 100% marks in the test. You are the one who spoiled it. I had asked you to see the copy of Rohan twice, so that you can correct your spelling. Can't you understand even such a simple suggestion?"

Mohan was calm. He told the teacher, "You have asked never to tell a lie and be honest. I have obeyed you. To copy someone in the test is dishonesty. So I didn't." The teacher cooled down and realised his mistake. He said, "Yes. Mohan, you are right. We should never be dishonest."



Do you know who was Mohan ? He was Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, the Father of our Nation. He never told a lie even when he was a young boy. He was always honest and did not do anything wrong. He preached the message of peace and truth when he grew up. That is why we call him Mahatma Gandhi.



Truth always wins.

A. Answer the questions.

1. What was Mahatma Gandhi's name as a child ?

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2. How did he spell 'kettle'?

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3. What did his teacher gesture him to do ?

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4. Why did the teacher want him to copy ?

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B. Comprehension.

Read the passage.

George was playing in the garden. His father was fond of all the plants there in the garden. George fell on a pot by mistake and broke it. He was very afraid that his father would take him to task. He ran inside.

Father came to the garden later. He saw the broken pot. He became angry. He shouted, "Who broke the pot ?" Everyone kept quite for a while. George broke the silence and said, "I have broken it. I am sorry. It was a mistake, please pardon me."

Father became happy that George was bold to admit his mistake. He pardoned him. George became the President of the United States of America when he grew up. George Washington was liked by everyone for his good character.

Answer Yes or No.

1. Did George break the pot intentionally ? Yes/No

2. Was he afraid to tell the truth ? Yes/No

3. Did his father scold him for breaking the pot ? Yes/No

4. Did George Washington always speak truth ? Yes/No

C. These are some situations which you face many times. See how you react and put (✓) in front of the one you might do.

1. If you have not done the homework, you would say
 - A. you have forgotten to do it.
 - B. you have done but have not brought the copy.
2. If you get bad marks in your Maths exam. You tell
 - A. your teacher has not given proper marks to you.
 - B. you did not prepare the lesson well.
3. If you break the blackboard by mistake
 - A. you confess your mistake and say sorry to the teacher.
 - B. you blame some other student.
4. When you play with your friends
 - A. you don't mind losing the game sometimes.
 - B. you think you should be the winner always.
5. If you find something in the class
 - A. you give it to the class teacher.
 - B. you keep it with yourself.



D. See the pictures and discuss in the class what will be the result of given situations. First one is done for example.



Girl is stealing a classmate's apple from the class cupboard.





A boy paying for the things he has purchased.

Points to Ponder

- * Honesty means speaking the truth. It also means never take things that belongs to others.
- * Great men like Gandhi and George Washington never told a lie even when they were young.
- * Only courageous people can tell the truth. Cowards prefer to tell a lie.
- * We must be honest in thought, work and deed. It brings peace of mind.

