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Good character

Lesson 3 · the example of the Prophet

📖 The story: Good character

Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – The best player

Kenza is the best player in the basketball team. But she shouts at others when they make a mistake. One day the coach says: “You’re good, Kenza. But the team plays worse when you shout.” Kenza is angry. At home she says: “I’m the best, aren’t I?” Her mother answers: “Talent is something you get. Character is something you choose.”

☆ Talent you get, character you choose.

talent = something you are naturally good at · **character** = how you are and how you treat others

Part 2 – The most beautiful character

Her mother tells her about the Prophet. Anas served him for ten years. “He never said ‘uff’ to me,” said Anas, “and never: why did you do that?” The Prophet smiled a lot, was gentle with children and helped at home. Allah says about him in the Quran: you have a great character. “And he said,” says her mother: “the best of you are those with the best character.”

☆ The best people have the best character.

serve = work for someone and help him · **gentle** = kind and not harsh

Part 3 – A new Kenza

At the next match her teammate Lien misses an easy shot. Kenza wants to shout. She takes a deep breath and says: “Next time, Lien. Come on!” Lien scores twice in a row. After the match the coach says nothing, but he gives a thumbs up. Kenza feels prouder than after her own points.

☆ A kind word makes someone else stronger.

shot = throwing the ball · **proud** = happy with what you did

💬 **Let’s talk:** Do you know someone with good character? What does that person do?

💡 Did you know? – Character in Islam

- Character is called akhlaq in Arabic.
- The Prophet said: nothing weighs heavier on the scale on the Last Day than good character.
- ‘A’isha said about the Prophet: his character was the Quran.

📖 **From the Quran**

Quran 68:4

وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

Wa innaka la-’alaa khuluqin ’adhim.

“And you truly have a great character.”

Good character

Lesson 3 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. What sport does Kenza play?

- ◯ basketball
- ◯ football

2. What does Kenza do when others make mistakes?

- ◯ help
- ◯ shout

3. How long did Anas serve the Prophet?

- ◯ ten years
- ◯ two years

4. Who are the best people?

- ◯ those who score most
- ◯ those with the best character

5. What does Kenza say to Lien?

- ◯ What are you doing?
- ◯ Next time, come on!

6. What is character called in Arabic?

- ◯ akhlaq
- ◯ salam

☆ **Remember this:** The best people have the best character.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. What is the difference between talent and character?

2. Which quality of the Prophet do you want to learn?

Puzzles

Lesson 3 · Good character

🔤 Word search

Find the words: from left to right and from top to bottom.

A	T	A	L	E	N	T	R	T	R	T
H	E	A	A	C	Z	C	O	A	C	H
P	A	L	C	R	O	L	C	T	C	Z
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L	A	N	C	P	R	O	U	D	L	N
A	M	D	T	A	H	A	M	O	N	H
Q	L	N	E	C	A	T	L	A	N	T
E	M	L	R	O	M	A	A	N	A	S

☐ CHARACTER ☐ AKHLAQ ☐ TALENT ☐ GENTLE ☐ KENZA ☐ COACH ☐ PROUD
☐ LIEN ☐ ANAS ☐ TEAM

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

Something is missing, bigger, smaller, turned or moved.

