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Being honest

Lesson 4 · telling the truth

📖 **The story: Being honest**
Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – A scratch

Hamza is doing a work placement in a bike shop. While repairing an expensive racing bike, the bike falls over. There is a scratch on the frame. Nobody saw it. His colleague says quietly: “Don’t say anything. Nobody will notice.” Hamza doubts all afternoon.

☆ **Being honest is hardest when nobody is watching.**

scratch = line or mark on something · **frame** = the main part of a bike

Part 2 – Al-Amin

That evening Hamza thinks of the Prophet. Even before he became a prophet, the people of Mecca called him al-Amin: the trustworthy. They gave him their valuable things to keep. Even his enemies said: he has never lied. The Prophet said: honesty leads to good, and good leads to Paradise. Lies lead to evil. Hamza knows what he has to do.

☆ **Honesty leads to good, and good leads to Paradise.**

trustworthy = someone you can count on · **valuable** = worth a lot

Part 3 – The conversation

The next morning Hamza goes to his boss. “Yesterday I made a scratch on the racing bike. I’m sorry.” The boss looks stern for a moment. Then he says: “Thank you for telling me. I can repair that. I can’t repair a lie.” At the end of the placement Hamza gets a good report. Under comments it says: honest and trustworthy.

☆ **You can repair a mistake; a lie is much harder.**

boss = the person in charge · **repair** = make good again

💬 **Let’s talk:** Why is being honest sometimes hard? What helps you to tell the truth anyway?

💡 **Did you know? – Honesty**

- The Prophet was called al-Amin and as-Sadiq: the trustworthy and the truthful.
- Even when he had to flee to Medina, he left ‘Ali behind to return other people’s belongings.
- A hadith says: whoever cheats is not one of us.

📖 **From the Quran**

Quran 9:119

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ

Yaa ayyuha lladhina aamanu ttaqu llaaha wa kunu ma’a s-saadiqin.

“You who believe: be mindful of Allah and stand with those who are truthful.”

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Lesson 4 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. Where is Hamza doing his placement?

- ◯ in a bike shop
- ◯ in a bakery

2. What happens to the bike?

- ◯ it gets a scratch
- ◯ it is stolen

3. What does al-Amin mean?

- ◯ the strong
- ◯ the trustworthy

4. Where does honesty lead?

- ◯ to problems
- ◯ to good

5. What does Hamza do the next morning?

- ◯ he stays silent
- ◯ he tells his boss

6. What is in his report?

- ◯ too slow
- ◯ honest and trustworthy

☆ **Remember this:** Tell the truth, even when nobody is watching.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. What would you do in Hamza’s place?

2. Why is a lie harder to repair than a mistake?

Puzzles

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🔤 Word search

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

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☐ PLACEMENT ☐ SCRATCH ☐ HONEST ☐ REPORT ☐ TRUTH ☐ HAMZA ☐ AMIN

☐ BIKE ☐ BOSS ☐ LIE

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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

