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# Beautiful words

Lesson 5 · politeness

📖 **The story: Beautiful words**
Read together, part by part.

## Part 1 – Swear words

In Soumaya’s class there is a lot of swearing. Sometimes as a joke, sometimes not. Soumaya joins in too. One day her little sister of eight hears her on the phone. An hour later her sister swears at the cat with exactly the same words. Soumaya is shocked. “Where did you learn that?” Her sister looks at her. “From you.”

☆ **Others copy your words.**

**swear** = say ugly words to someone · **copy** = start doing the same

## Part 2 – What does the Quran say?

Soumaya looks it up. The Quran says: speak to people in a good way. The Prophet said: whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day says something good or stays silent. He also said that a good word is a sadaqa, a good gift. Soumaya thinks. Thank you, please, sorry, may I: small words, but they make someone’s day better. “So every time I say thank you, I give something,” she says.

☆ **Say something good or stay silent.**

**stay silent** = say nothing · **sadaqa** = a gift for Allah, also a good deed

## Part 3 – A money box

Soumaya makes a deal with her sister. Whoever swears puts ten cents in a money box. After a month there are three euros in it. After two months hardly anything is added. They give the money to the mosque. “My mouth has become clean,” laughs Soumaya. Her sister now says “please” to the cat.

☆ **You can practise beautiful words, like a sport.**

**money box** = little pot to keep money in · **deal** = something you decide together

💬 **Let’s talk:** Which polite words do you use every day? Which would you like to use more?

💡 **Did you know? – Politeness**

- Politeness is called adab in Arabic.
- The Prophet never swore and never cursed, said his servant Anas.
- A smile to your brother is also sadaqa, said the Prophet.

📖 **From the Quran**

Quran 2:83

وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا

*Wa qulu li-n-naasi husnaa.*

**“And speak to people in a good way.”**

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Lesson 5 · questions and writing

## ✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

**1. Who copies the swear words?**

- ◯ her teacher
- ◯ her little sister

**2. Who does the sister swear at?**

- ◯ the cat
- ◯ the teacher

**3. What should you do if you can’t say anything good?**

- ◯ stay silent
- ◯ shout

**4. What is a good word?**

- ◯ a sadaqa
- ◯ a punishment

**5. How much does whoever swears put in the money box?**

- ◯ ten euros
- ◯ ten cents

**6. What is politeness called in Arabic?**

- ◯ akhlaq
- ◯ adab

☆ **Remember this:** Say something good or stay silent.

## ✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

**1. Which ugly words do you hear a lot? What can you say instead?**

**2. What does it mean: say something good or stay silent?**

# Puzzles

Lesson 5 · Beautiful words

## 🔤 Word search

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

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☐ MONEYBOX ☐ SOUMAYA ☐ POLITE ☐ THANKS ☐ SISTER ☐ SADAQA ☐ SORRY
☐ WORDS ☐ ADAB ☐ CAT

## 🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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

