

Truth or Lies?

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Many people say that they don't tell lies, but they do. And then, when they do finally tell the truth, people don't believe them. Many stories have been written about this, such as the fable "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." But people shouldn't always tell the truth.

Let's look at a simple and common example of people telling lies. In our class, the teacher told us to write a composition and to not use our dictionaries. But when the teacher walked out of the classroom, the students quickly took out their dictionaries and used them. Although some people think that this is a little thing, I think it is being dishonest.

I also used to tell lies. One day I received a letter but the stamp had not been canceled. I knew that I could reuse it and save money. I put the envelope and the stamp in some water and loosened the stamp and then put the stamp on another letter. I think that this is dishonest.

Under certain circumstances, however, a lie doesn't hurt a person but can help him. I have a friend whose family comes from China. His father and mother and he moved to the United States while his grandfather and grandmother remained in China because they were too old to leave. Nevertheless, they loved their son, my friend's father, so they would always write letters to them and my friend would be the one who would write back.

One day my friend's father died in an accident and my friend didn't want to tell his grandparents the truth because they are old and sensitive. He wants to protect them. Even now he continues to write to his grandparents and say that their life here is good. He writes that his father is very busy, and he tells them not to worry. He has been keeping this secret for a while now.

You may not agree with me, but I think that my friend is doing the right thing. Honesty is good but sometimes the truth hurts more than a lie does.

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