

Truthful Talk

"Truthfulness is the foundation of all human virtues. Without truthfulness progress and success, in all the worlds of God, are impossible for any soul." —'Abdu'l-Bahá

You forgot to study for your spelling test—will it really matter if you cheat, just this once? You broke your glasses again—what if you tell your parents it's someone else's fault?

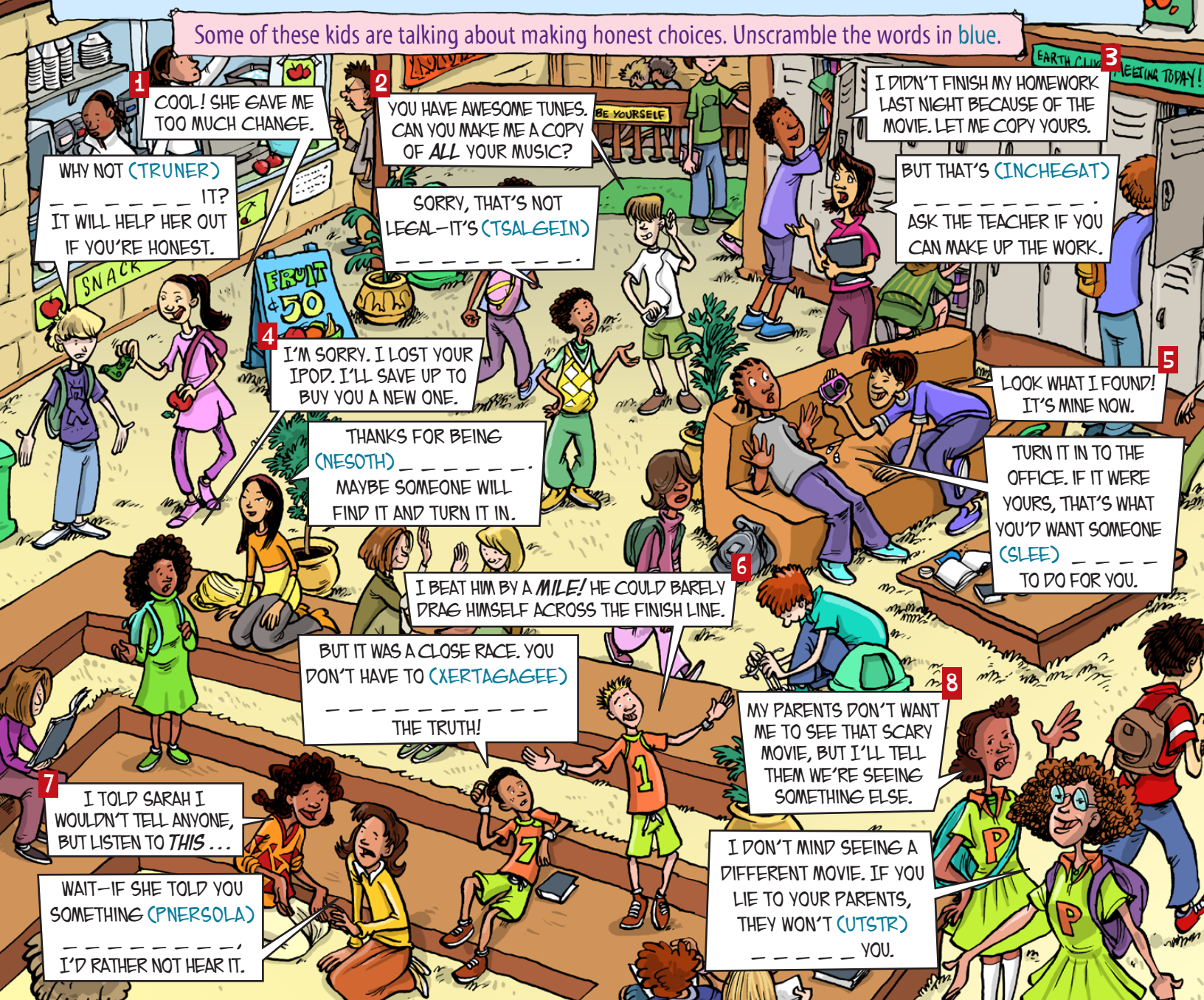
It's not always easy to tell the truth. And it might look like other people get away with cheating or lying. Is it really a big deal? Especially if you don't get caught?

Telling a lie may seem like a simple way to get out of a tough situation. You might avoid getting in

trouble or making someone angry. But lying really makes things harder. It can hurt your relationships with friends and family. If someone finds out you're dishonest, it will be hard for that person to trust you.

When you're truthful, people know they can count on you. You admit it if you make a mistake, and you try to make things right. You're honest with yourself, too—you don't try to be someone you're not. And those are qualities you can *truly* feel good about.

Some of these kids are talking about making honest choices. Unscramble the words in blue.



1 COOL! SHE GAVE ME TOO MUCH CHANGE.

2 YOU HAVE AWESOME TUNES. CAN YOU MAKE ME A COPY OF ALL YOUR MUSIC?

3 I DIDN'T FINISH MY HOMEWORK LAST NIGHT BECAUSE OF THE MOVIE. LET ME COPY YOURS.

WHY NOT (TRUNER) IT? IT WILL HELP HER OUT IF YOU'RE HONEST.

SORRY, THAT'S NOT LEGAL—IT'S (TSALGEIN)

BUT THAT'S (INCHEAT) ASK THE TEACHER IF YOU CAN MAKE UP THE WORK.

4 I'M SORRY. I LOST YOUR IPOD. I'LL SAVE UP TO BUY YOU A NEW ONE.

THANKS FOR BEING (NESOTH) ——— MAYBE SOMEONE WILL FIND IT AND TURN IT IN.

5 LOOK WHAT I FOUND! IT'S MINE NOW.

TURN IT IN TO THE OFFICE. IF IT WERE YOURS, THAT'S WHAT YOU'D WANT SOMEONE (SLEE) ——— TO DO FOR YOU.

6 I BEAT HIM BY A MILE! HE COULD BARELY DRAG HIMSELF ACROSS THE FINISH LINE.

BUT IT WAS A CLOSE RACE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO (XERTAGASEE) ——— THE TRUTH!

8 MY PARENTS DON'T WANT ME TO SEE THAT SCARY MOVIE, BUT I'LL TELL THEM WE'RE SEEING SOMETHING ELSE.

7 I TOLD SARAH I WOULDN'T TELL ANYONE, BUT LISTEN TO THIS ...

WAIT—IF SHE TOLD YOU SOMETHING (PNERSOLA) ——— I'D RATHER NOT HEAR IT.

I DON'T MIND SEEING A DIFFERENT MOVIE. IF YOU LIE TO YOUR PARENTS, THEY WON'T (UTSTR) ——— YOU.