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CHARACTER QUALITY:**T R U T H F U L N E S S**

Definition: "Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts." You can think of someone who considers it important to be **TRUTHFUL** as being an **HONEST** individual. **HONESTY** is displayed when someone is sincere, upright, and fair. He or she is genuine and has a reputation for being good and **TRUTHFUL**.

Definition Sources: www.characterfirst.com and <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/honest>

. . . Quality Think/Quick Write . . .

When is it difficult to demonstrate **TRUTHFULNESS**?

DESCRIBE WHEN IT HAS BEEN EASY TO BE **TRUTHFUL**.

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Honestly, sometimes it's hard to be **TRUTHFUL**!
What do I do if being honest could hurt someone's feelings?



DIRECTIONS: How do we answer our friends in a truthful manner? We do not want to respond with the opposite of **TRUTHFULNESS**: responses that are untruthful, dishonest, and cheating help no one. There are ways to speak the **truth** that hurt, but that's not a good idea. If you think about it, you can speak the **truth** with kindness. Put an **X** by the **truthful** responses that communicate a caring response.

Can I copy your answers? I didn't have time to do my homework.



	"Sorry, no. You need to explain the problem you had doing your homework to the teacher. She wouldn't be happy with you or me if I let you copy."
	"No way, you cheater!"
	"Sure, and then you'll let me copy your homework if I ever forget or don't have time, right?"



My mom thinks I'm going to the library—can I come over to your house instead?

	Would you get caught?
	You need to go to the library—your mom is counting on that; it'll be good for you to study anyway.
	Why don't you just stop in the library for a few minutes and then come over? That way you can tell your folks that you were there.

I think the cafeteria lady gave me back three dollars more than she should have



	Good! Let's each take one!
	I think you should give it back.
	Oh it's yours—you keep it all.

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While some opposites use the prefix “un-” to designate the opposite (as in TRUTHFUL / UNTRUTHFUL). Other opposites (antonyms) are created by adding the prefix “dis-“. Read the clues below and try to think of which words are being considered. The vowels are missing from the root word, but the consonants should help make it easier to solve.

Example: Someone who tells the truth can be described as this—or not:

HONEST / DISHONEST

1) Something that is there one moment and gone the next could do this:

__ P P __ __ R / DIS __ __ __ __ __

2) Sometimes you find that you get together in a group and then you don't:

B __ N D / DIS __ __ __ __

3) Sometimes you will agree with something and then you won't:

__ P P R __ V __ / DIS __ __ __ __ __

4) Sometimes you keep on doing something and then you stop:

C __ N T __ N __ __ / DIS __ __ __ __ __

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Consider how truthfulness is essential in a career and in general life. Write a more truthful reaction to the following situations.

SITUATION	
Untruthful	Ed is late for work. He wrote the time that he was due in on his time card rather than putting the accurate time.
Truthful Alternative	
Untruthful	Shelby realized that her deadline was coming up soon. She had more papers to gather and complete than she had time. She decided to leave out one report and hope her boss wouldn't notice.
Truthful Alternative	
Untruthful	Marcus was getting ready to mail a birthday package for his out-of-town brother. He realized he didn't have any tape at home so he decided to go to the company supply closet and help himself to a tape dispenser with tape.
Truthful Alternative	

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This girl's parents took a picture of her standing in front of the Eiffel Tower . . . way in front! From this view, it looks like she is taller than the tower. How can a girl who is 4 feet tall look taller than a tower that is 1,063 feet? PERSPECTIVE!



We don't want to be the kind of person who is always fooling around, never letting people know what is really truthful about ourselves. Sometimes we keep others at a distance by not being truthful.

THINK ABOUT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

Have you (or someone you know) ever exaggerated about something ?

Have you (or someone you know) ever told a fib ?

Have you (or someone you know) ever said "yes" when you (or someone) really wanted to say "no" ?

Have you (or someone you know) ever said "no" when you (or someone) really wanted to say "yes" ?

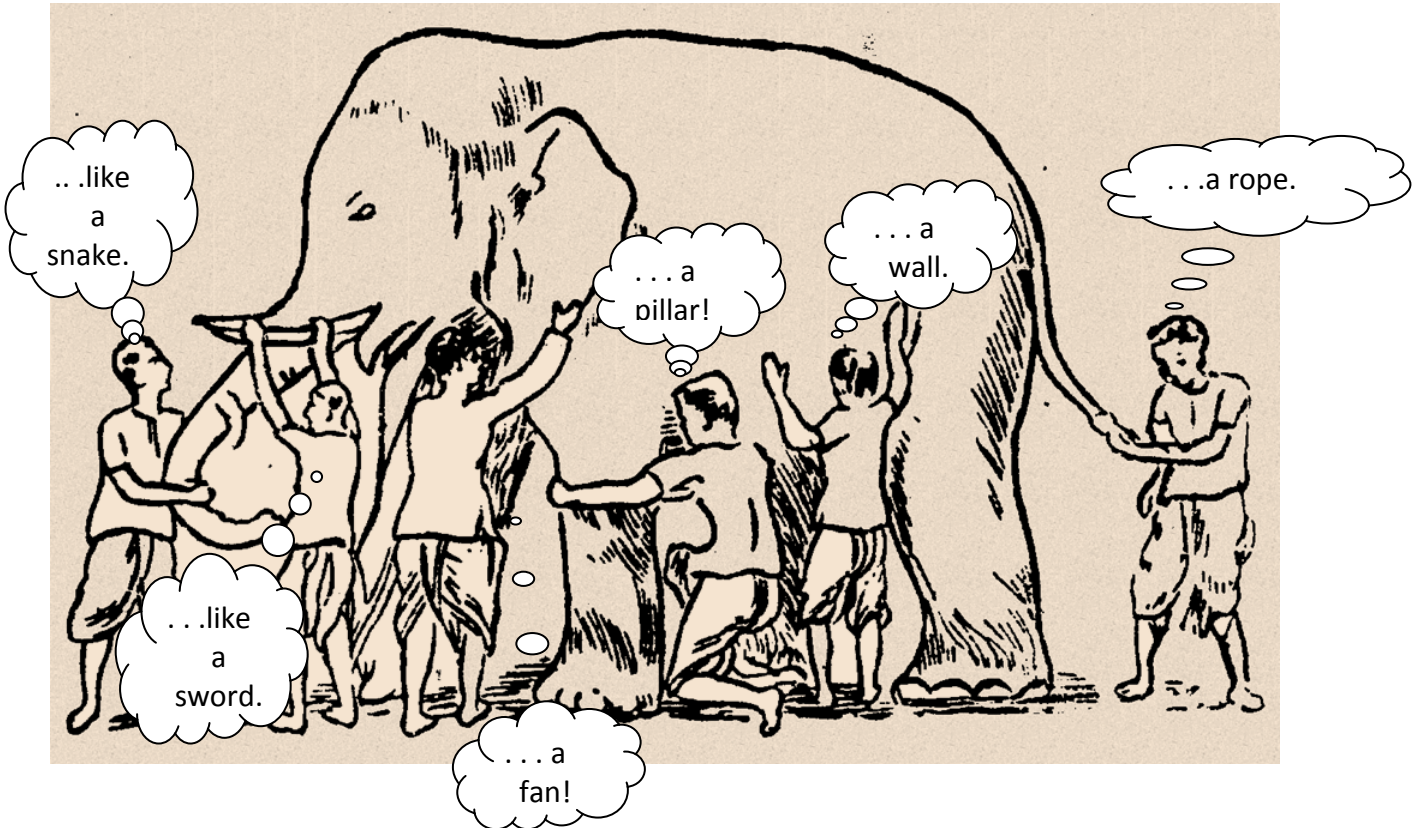
ON THE BACK, READ THE WRITING PROMPT AND GET STARTED!

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ELEPHANT MUST BE ...



REMEMBER! WE ALL HAVE A POINT OF VIEW!

GETTING AT THE TRUTH, when a situation occurs, usually is helped by having more than one single view. Your idea of what has taken place or about an item is limited . . . so is everyone else's ! When you're an **EYE WITNESS** to an event or if you've studied a subject, it's good for you to share what you have seen and experienced. Your angle, or your perspective, in relation to the incident or subject is an important contribution to what needs to be known. It's also good to remember that your **POINT OF VIEW** may be different from another's. We need to share information *respectfully*.

DIRECTIONS: On the back write or draw a picture of a time when you and others shared knowledge to bring about greater understanding of the **truth** of a situation.

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1. Have you ever noticed how there's more than one official on the field at professional games? WHY do you think that is?

2. Some have said about an experience, "There's your side of the story, there's my side of the story, and somewhere in the middle is the **truth**." What does that mean?

3. Can you describe a time when there is not a middle ground to be found? There is a **truth** that clearly identifies right from wrong.
