

What is honesty?

When you think of honesty, you might think “don’t lie”. But being honest also means only saying and doing things that are truthful. Here are a few good signs that an action is not honest:

- Saying something that is not true is dishonest.
- Hiding the truth because you know it’s wrong or you’ll get in trouble is not honest.
- Tricking, cheating, and stealing are ways of not being truthful in your actions and they are dishonest .

In these situations, which actions are honest?

You broke a table. Your mom asks who broke the table.

- You tell her you did it.
- You say you don’t know what happened.

Explain your answer: _____

You really want to play with a friend’s toy at your house.

- You slip the toy in your backpack and figure you’ll put it back tomorrow. As long as he doesn’t find out, you didn’t lie.
- You ask to borrow the toy.

Explain your answer: _____

Your mom said you could play computer for 30 minutes and set a timer.

- When the time is almost up, you secretly add more time on the timer so you can keep playing.
- You stop playing when the timer rings.

Explain your answer: _____

You went to Joey’s to play, and then went to Austin’s without asking. When your dad asks, “Whose house did you play at today?” :

- You say, “I played at Joey’s.”
- You say, “I played and Joey’s and Austin’s.”

Explain your answer: _____
