

# The Boy Who Couldn't Lie

## Let's See

Tick (✓) if you tell the truth:

- to your parents when you get poor grades.
- if you lose or spoil something.
- to your teachers when you forget to do your homework.
- to your friend when you break a promise.

Now read this story about a little boy who tells the truth without any fear of punishment.

## Let's Start

There was once a **little** boy named George. One day his father gave him a small axe to play with.

George was very **pleased** with the axe. How bright it looked!



little : small  
pleased : happy

How sharp the edge seemed! What a **fine** wooden handle it had! He said to himself, 'It will cut anything.' So he went to his father's garden and began trying the axe upon almost everything that came in his way.



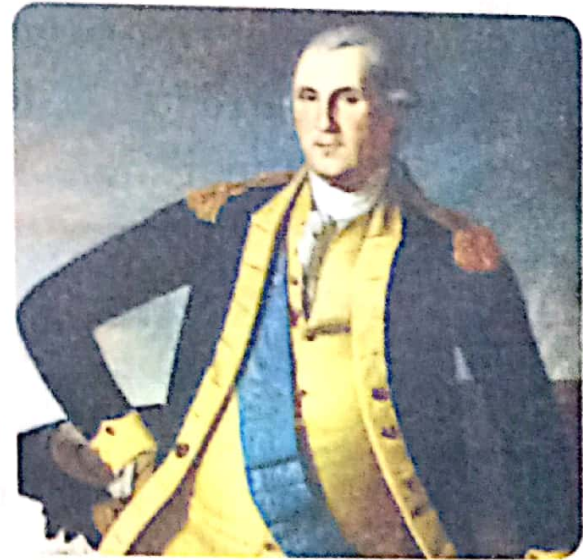
**fine** : beautiful  
**wrong** : incorrect

At last he came to a young cherry tree, and began to try the axe on it. He soon chopped off all its branches and leaves.

In the evening, George's father went to the garden to look at the flowers. He was very angry when he saw his favourite cherry tree lying on the ground. "George!" he said loudly to his son, "Who has done this?"

Little George was afraid. He knew what he had done was **wrong**. With tears in his eyes, he said, "I can't tell a lie, Father. I did it with the small axe you gave me."

His father, who was so angry a moment ago, now took him in his arms and kissed him. "I'm glad, you told the truth, my boy," he said. "I would rather lose all the trees in my garden than hear my son tell a lie."



Do you know who this boy was? He was George Washington— the first President of the United States of America.

## Test Your Mind

A. Tick (✓) the correct option.

1. There was once a little boy named \_\_\_\_\_ .

(a) George



(b) Mona

(c) Vishal



(d) Joy

2. George was very pleased with the \_\_\_\_\_ ,

(a) gun



(b) tree



(c) axe



(d) hammer



3. Little George was \_\_\_\_\_ .

(a) loved



(b) afraid



(c) angry



(d) surprised



4. George Washington was the first President of \_\_\_\_\_ ,

(a) China



(b) Japan



(c) India



(d) USA



B. Fill in the blanks with the help of words given in the Clue Box.

1. One day his father gave him a small \_\_\_\_\_  
to play with.

2. How \_\_\_\_\_ the edge seemed!

3. He knew what he had done was \_\_\_\_\_ .

4. He was \_\_\_\_\_ , the first President of USA.

**Clue Box**



sharp

George Washington

axe

wrong

C. Answer the following questions.

1. What did George's father give him?

2. What did George do with the axe?

3. Why was George's father angry?

4. What did George's father ask him?

5. Why was George afraid?

6. How did George answer his father's question?

D. Write True or False.

1. George was not pleased with axe.

2. George mother went to the garden to look at the flowers.

3. George Washington was the Prime Minister of America.





## Grammar Part

A noun is the name of a person, place, animal or thing.

For example : Reena, Agra, Dog, Basket, Table, etc.

Sort out the following nouns. Write them in correct columns.

Bus, Kolkata, Delhi, Paper, River, Ankita, Lucknow, Mayank, Elephant, Horse, Ram, Mumbai, Chennai, Tiger, Bear, Rahul, Orange, Pencil, Suraj, Sheep.

Person
Ram
_____
_____
_____
_____

Place
Mumbai
_____
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Animal
Horse
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Thing
Orange
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## Vocabulary Part

A. Match the following words with their meanings.

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|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. chopped   | (a) the head of a country            |
| 2. seemed    | (b) cut something into pieces        |
| 3. President | (c) a sharp tool used to cut wood    |
| 4. axe       | (d) the sharp side of a cutting tool |
| 5. edge      | (e) appeared to be something         |

B. Write the antonyms of the following words.

- |           |       |           |       |
|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 1. first  | _____ | 2. sharp  | _____ |
| 3. one    | _____ | 4. little | _____ |
| 5. bright | _____ | 6. truth  | _____ |
| 7. wrong  | _____ | 8. day    | _____ |

C. Read the following words :

honest, often, know, wrap, etc.

Now, write three more words with silent letters.

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## Speaking Part

- Like George Washington, Gandhiji too never told a lie even as a child. Listen about his childhood incident from your teacher and role-play the situation in pair.



## Writing Part

- Write three sentences describing George Washington as a boy.

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