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Read the story carefully. Answer the questions that follow.



‘The Truth Always Wins’

Truthfulness is the habit of speaking the truth and nothing but the truth. To tell the truth at all times often requires courage.

Charlie was once playing on the street with a ball. He threw the ball so hard; it struck a window and broke a large pane of glass in a food store. “Run, Charlie, run” said his friend Rob, “and no one will find out who broke the window.” But Charlie said, “No I won’t run away. I’ll go and tell the truth.” Frightened and regretful, Charlie went to the store keeper and told the whole truth: how he was playing with a ball and had broken his window. He also told the shopkeeper he was willing to pay if he had the money.

Charlie had no money, but he offered to work in the shop, until he earned enough money to pay for the glass. It took him a long time to work it off because the pain of glass was very costly. The shopkeeper admired the boy’s reliability and truthfulness so much that he hired him permanently. Charlie ran to his mother and said, “What a lucky day it was when I broke that window!” “No, Charlie,” said his mother, “what” a lucky day it was when you were not afraid to speak the truth.”

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1. Based on the information in the passage, what mistake did Charlie make when playing ball?

2. Choose the correct answer. Using the information from the passage, which word below best describes Rob’s character? A. caring B. dishonest C. funny D. honest
3. According to the passage how did Charlie plan to pay for the damages?

4. ‘The shop owner decided to hire Charlie permanently.’ Choose **ONE** characteristic which Charlie displayed that helped the shop owner to make this decision.
 A. reliability B. courageous C. supportive D. dishonesty
5. Using the numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 order the events as they happened in the passage.
A. _____ Charlie owned up to his mistake.
B. _____ Charlie ran to his mother.
C. _____ Charlie was afraid and sorrowful.
D. _____ Charlie was hired by the shopkeeper.
6. What is the lesson that can be learned from this story?
A. Always listen to your friends
B. Honesty brings rewards
C. Never admit to the wrong you do.
D. Playing ball is dangerous
7. Do you think Charlie should have listened to Rob?