## VOCABULARY

merchant - someone who buys and sells things





There was a rich merchant and he had a son named Zahir. Zahir was a kind boy. The merchant loved Zahir. He gave his son everything.

Zahir had a friend named Ziad. Zahir didn't know Ziad well. His father told him to be careful because he didn't know if Ziad was a good friend.

One day, the merchant went on a long trip. He asked Zahir to go with him.

The merchant was worried about leaving his

money at home. So before he left, he put his money in a box.

He told Zahir, "I want Ziad to look after the box."

## **Activity 2 Reading**

| Read the beginning of the story. Answer t | the questions in full | sentences. |  |
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| 1 What was Zahir like?                    |                       |            |  |
| 2 Did Zahir know Ziad well?               |                       |            |  |
| 3 Where did the merchant put his money    | ŝ                     |            |  |
| 4 Who went on the trip with the merchan   | ţŝ                    |            |  |