

VOCABULARY

merchant – someone who buys and sells things

The Clever Merchant



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 the questions in full sentences.

1 What was Zahir like?

2 Did Zahir know Ziad well?

3 Where did the merchant put his money?

4 Who went on the trip with the merchant?