

# **Course: Advance**

## **Impact Issues Level 1**

Day №13



Do you always tell the **truth**?

## Let's read

Mrs. Sato came to visit us one day when I was a young girl. Her son, Yuichi, was 5 years old. My mother and I were in the kitchen fixing tea. Suddenly, I heard a loud noise from the other room.

My mother and I went to the room. There, on the floor, was a broken vase. This broken vase was very valuable. It was over 200 years old and was given to my grandfather by his grandfather.

Yuichi was standing next to the broken vase. He looked very upset; he started to cry. And Mrs. Sato's face was red. She looked very unhappy.

"I... well... somehow..." Mrs. Sato began to explain.

My mother quickly said, "Oh, that's all right. It was an old vase. It was not valuable."

"But the vase just fell off the table," Mrs. Sato replied. "Yuichi didn't touch it!"

My mother answered, "Oh, don't worry about it. Everything is just fine. Would you like some tea? And what about some of these sweets?"

I didn't understand my mother. She knew the vase was very valuable. She knew my father would be very upset to learn that it was broken. Why did she tell a lie? I thought we always had to tell the truth. That's what my mother always told me.

## Family Values





Later, after Mrs. Sato and Yuichi had gone, I asked my mother why she had not told the truth.

“What else could I say?” my mother replied. “Could I say it was valuable? That Yuichi had broken our family’s most precious treasure? Could I say that?”

“Well,” I said, “that is the truth. We should always tell the truth.”

“Not always,” explained my mother carefully. “Sometimes we must not tell the truth. Sometimes it is best to hide our true feelings.”

“Is there no other way?” I asked.

“No, there is no other way,” my mother said.

Then, when I was a young girl, I didn’t understand my mother. But I do now. She was a wise person.



What is the story about?

What happened to the vase?

What did Yoko’s mother do?

Do you agree with Yoko’s mother ?



# Useful Expressions

## KEY EXPRESSIONS:

-no other way

-fixing tea/coffee

-It's best to...



**Useful Phrases:** The Past Unreal Conditional is used to talk about imaginary situations in the past.

You can describe what you would have done differently or how something could have happened differently if circumstances had been different.

*If I \_\_\_\_\_, it would've...*

*Had I \_\_\_\_\_, he/she/they would've been \_\_\_\_\_.*

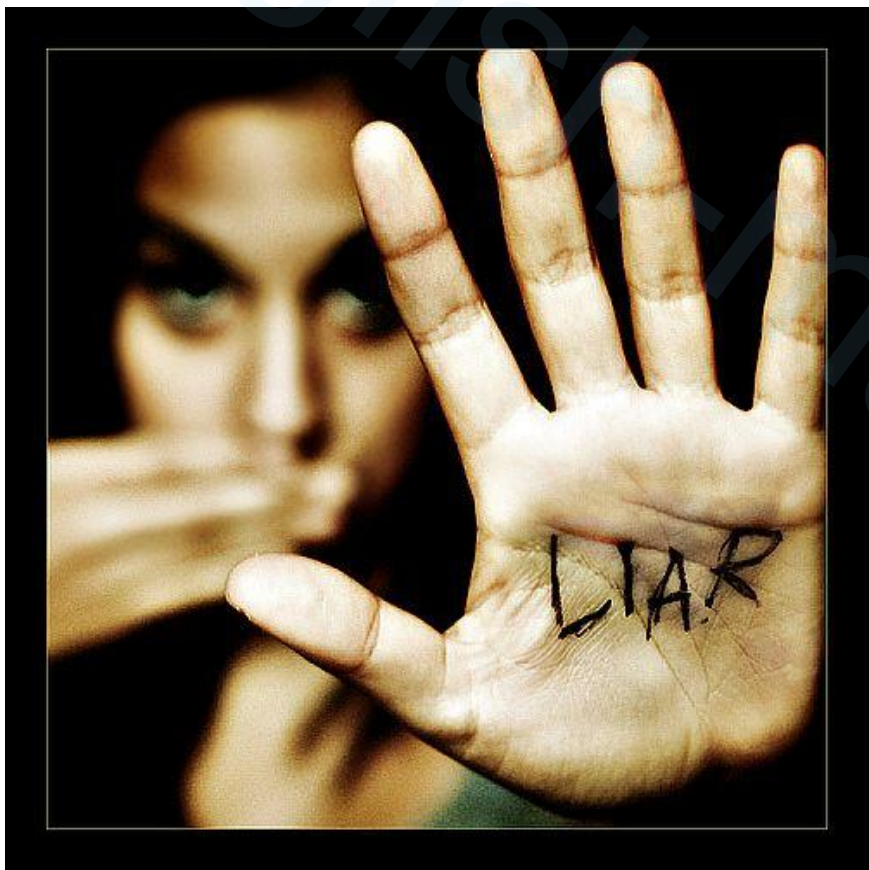
# Situation

If you were Yoko's mother, how would you explain to her why you did exactly what you've done?

*Cite examples by telling her what effects a particular reaction may cause.*



# REALITY BITES



Is it always important to  
tell the truth?

Why or why not?



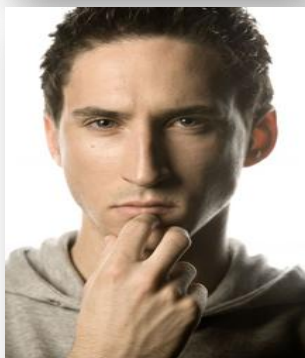
# What do you think?



**Yeon-Suk:**

We should always tell the Truth. It doesn't matter if the truth hurts.

***agree* or *disagree***



**Ken:**

It's a good idea to hide our true feelings.

***agree* or *disagree***



**Susan:**

It's OK to lie sometimes. Telling the truth can hurt other people.

***agree* or *disagree***



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# Let's try this:

Mei has something to say about the situation. Complete her statement by putting in the appropriate words.

- *sorry*
- *guilty*
- *broke*
- *feel*
- *human*
- *hurt*



It is easy for me to understand why the owner of the vase told a lie and said that the vase wasn't really valuable. I would have probably done the same thing. I think she valued the \_\_\_\_\_ relationship more than the object.

When I was a little girl, I remember when a friend of mine \_\_\_\_\_ my toy. She was very \_\_\_\_\_ and she started to cry. I told her she didn't have to worry about it. I said it was an old toy and I really didn't want it anymore. That wasn't true, but I told her that because I thought it would make her \_\_\_\_\_ better. Lying is wrong, but I don't want to hurt someone. I would feel more \_\_\_\_\_ if I hurt someone, so I think I did the right thing. And, I think the owner of the vase did the right thing, too.

# LET'S TALK

Have you experienced having a valuable possession misplaced or broken by someone you know?

How did you react and what did your friend do?

If not: *Do you know anyone with a similar experience? Tell me about it.*



***Thank you for  
today!***

***I'm looking forward to  
seeing you again!***