

Honesty is Still the Best Policy

I _____ in the newspaper the _____ day that we all _____ an amazing number of _____. According to the article we very _____ say exactly what we think. In most cases we prefer to _____ the truth _____ hurt other _____ feelings. Usually we believe we are _____ polite or respectful of _____ but in _____ fact we simply cannot f_____ telling others _____ they do not _____. Are people really ready for the _____ and nothing but the truth? _____ it _____ to tell a “little white _____” or be _____ if there is no _____?

We live in a _____ where dishonesty is _____ taken for _____. We _____ to tell lies. We expect them to _____ promises that they will never be able _____. We expect businessmen to try to _____ television viewers by _____ deceitful advertising. We expect students _____ by using _____ in their written work. We even expect pollsters to give _____ results of _____ in order to influence our opinions _____. But _____ terrible to _____ we _____ in a world where _____ seems to be honest? _____ my opinion _____ are _____ honest than we expect them _____.

A few months _____ I _____ on a train with a friend _____. We were returning _____ from a short _____ the center of town, and we _____ a lot of shopping _____ with us. We _____ all _____ the trip, so we _____ the sign of our home station _____ the train was ready to _____. When we finally _____ it was time to get off, we _____ our bags and

_____ of the wagon. We _____ on the platform totally _____.
 When the train _____ I suddenly realized that I didn't have _____. I only
 remembered _____ it on the _____ me. I was _____
 and said that this was the _____. My friend _____
 that I would find my purse again, but I didn't believe a word _____. We
 _____ and I told her that I _____ that purse again.
 _____ inside I _____ someone _____ the purse and
 _____ to _____ back to me.

When we _____ home there was a message on my _____
 machine. Someone _____ the wagon _____ my purse.
 That person _____ the police station at the _____
 stop and _____ the purse. I _____ believe my _____. I would get my purse
 _____! But _____ I realized that there _____
 who _____ believe that "Honesty is the _____."

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NB. This text is an adaptation of "Honesty" from the excellent book called "Monologues" published by "Longmans". If the above text is too difficult, other easier and shorter texts can be found in "Monologues".