

LESSON 06

MANISH LEARNS NOT TO LIE

- TEJAL:** Manish, do you know what I got for my birthday? I got a dog!
- MANISH:** You did? I can't believe you got a dog. What does he look like?
- TEJAL:** It's fluffy and big. It has a very long tail that keeps swinging
- MANISH:** I have a dog too. I bet it is bigger than yours. It is at least 9 feet tall.
- TEJAL:** Wow!
- MANISH:** My dog is as fluffy as a kitten. It lets me ride on its back, and we play games like hide and seek.
- TEJAL:** That is fantastic!
- MANISH:** Its tail swings so hard and fast that you can tie a skipping rope on the end of its tail. It turns the skipping rope for us as we jump.
- TEJAL:** You are talking like you have a great, great, big dog.
- MANISH:** Tejal, it can talk too.
- TEJAL:** I don't believe you! Dogs can't talk.
- MANISH:** This dog talks. It really does. This dog is magical and expensive too. We paid a lot of money for it! Did you pay a lot for your dog?
- TEJAL:** Actually it was free. We picked it from the pound house.
- MANISH:** My dog rode in a boat that crossed the ocean.
- TEJAL:** Your dog? What color is it?
- MANISH:** It has red, white, and blue stripes. It has a great dog house. My Papa built it. He put lights and a TV there.
- TEJAL:** Your dog sounds really great! Can I see it?
- MANISH:** Oh, it's too bad you can't see it today.
- TEJAL:** I don't understand why I can't see it?
- MANISH:** My house is a long way and it's too far to walk. It stays in the backyard most of the time.

TEJAL: My mother said she was going to take me to your house to visit your mother.

MANISH: Are you coming to my house? Today?

TEJAL: Yes. I can't wait to see your great, great, big striped dog that is red, white, and blue that lives in a doghouse with lights and a TV.

MANISH: If my dog is sleeping you won't be able to see it.

TEJAL: Well, I just might have to wake it up from its nap. I will bring my skipping rope and it can turn it for us while we jump.

MANISH: Well, I don't think it can do that, but you can tie a red, white, and blue stripes ribbon on its tail, and it can wave it like the flag of United States.

TEJAL: I still want to see your talking dog. What does it say?

MANISH: My dog can say lots of words like bow wow and ruff ruff.

TEJAL: My dog can do all of that, too.

MANISH: And by the way it isn't all that fluffy either. Just a little fluffy!

TEJAL: Manish, have you been telling me a made up story? Are you telling me things that aren't true?

MANISH: They are kind of true, but not really.

TEJAL: I bet it's not really red, white, and blue either.

MANISH: Well, it has sort of a striped red, white, and blue collar.

TEJAL: Manish, you have been telling me a story. I won't ever be able to trust you again whenever you tell me things that are important. I bet you don't even have a dog.

MANISH: Yes I do. Come and see it. Its name is Lassie. Come on over and see it.

TEJAL: Oh, that is O.K. I will just stay at home and play with my own dog. Things that belong to me are really special, and he is special.

MANISH: I am truly sorry for telling you all of those lies.

TEJAL: I am also sorry that you told me all of those lies. In Jain school we learned to tell only the truth. You learned that too, didn't you?

MANISH: I am going to start telling the truth from today. I am really going to change my ways.

TEJAL: You are?

MANISH: You can always trust me.

TEJAL: No more lies?

MANISH: No more lies. I promise.