

## LESSON 11

## RAVI LEARNS NO MORE TATTLING

Ravi has a shirt with S.C. written on it.

**RAVI:** Hi, Deepak! How do you like my new shirt? It is really neat, isn't it? My grandmother made it for me.

**DEEPAK:** Oh, it looks great Ravi. What does the S.C. mean? Does it stand for Scary Cat?

**RAVI:** Of course it does not. This is a very important shirt.

**DEEPAK:** Oh, I did not mean to say that. Does it stand for Silly Chilly? That really sounds funny!

**RAVI:** You are starting to make me really angry, Deepak.

**DEEPAK:** I'm sorry about that...let's try Skinny Cat. That has to be it, Skinny Cat!

**RAVI:** All right, that really does it. I am going to tell to your mother about this. I am going to tell her that you called me a Silly Chilly and a Skinny Cat. I hope you get into trouble with your mother.

**DEEPAK:** But I was just joking.

**RAVI:** I will add that to my list too. I will even tell your Papa that you were playing tricks with everybody.

**DEEPAK:** Ravi, do not tell, please.

**RAVI:** I have to tell. The letters on my shirt stand for Super Tattler and I am going to be just that. I am going to make up a list of all the things I can tell about. I have a whole list about you. Now, how does that make you feel?

**DEEPAK:** A whole list! Ravi, you are terrible.

**RAVI:** I will write that down on the next line on my telling list. I will also tell our teacher that you are simply awful. I am also going to tell her that all you do in class is daydream.

**DEEPAK:** I was not daydreaming!

**RAVI:** Oh yes, you were and I saw you talking to Rita during our reading class.

**DEEPAK:** I only asked her if I could borrow a pencil.

**RAVI:** I do not care. I am still going to tell. I will be "Super Tattler" I will tell to everyone. You just wait and see.

**DEEPAK:** What else are you going to tell?

**RAVI:** I am going to tell, that I saw you eating crayons.

**DEEPAK:** I was not. I was trying to get the paper off.

**RAVI:** I saw you talking to other kids out of the window. You rocked in your chair and looked again out of the window. I am a Super Tattler and I am on duty now. You don't have a chance.

**DEEPAK:** What would you do if I told about you and carried tales to your mother and teacher? How would you like that? How would you feel?

**RAVI:** Super Tattler is just a perfect name. I can't think of anything that you could tell about, me!

**DEEPAK:** Oh, is that right? How about that red rose you cut off from your best friend's rose garden and you gave it to your teacher.

You made paper airplanes and threw them in the classroom. I saw you stick your tongue out at Rita.

You could not wait till your turn to bat but you got mad and threw a big fit when we were playing cricket.

You got mad when you could not be the leader in our group. You rolled on the floor in anger. Ha! Ha! Ha!

**RAVI:** All right! All right! Are you really going to tell everyone about me?

**DEEPAK:** I do not know yet.

**RAVI:** Please be a friend. You do not have to tell on people.

**DEEPAK:** Oh, is that right? That's what your shirt says Super Tattler.

**RAVI:** Not anymore, now the meaning has changed!

**DEEPAK:** Scary Cat?

**RAVI:** Oh, yeah! Scary Cat ...that is really funny.

**DEEPAK:** I think it is a lot funnier than Super Tattler. You really should not carry tales about anyone to their parents, teachers or others. Kids do not like it and neither do grown-ups.

**RAVI:** Sorry, you are right. I would hate it if anyone begun telling about me. I shall never tell about anyone and carry tales again!

**DEEPAK:** Actually there are times that you could tell.

**RAVI:** There are? When?

**DEEPAK:** You need to tell a grown-up whenever someone is doing something to hurt others.

**RAVI:** What on earth are you talking about?

**DEEPAK:** Remember the day you played with matches and tried to drink all kinds of sodas?

**RAVI:** Oh?

**RAVI:** I have learned a lot. I am going to change this shirt. Let me take it off. I do not want to be Super Tattler anymore.