



Worksheet 4. Reading: An Honest Boy

Read the passage. Then complete the sentences below.

An Honest Boy

George Washington, the first president of the United States, was an **honest** boy, according to **legend**. Here is the legend about him.



One day when George Washington was a little boy, his father gave him a **present**. The present was an **axe**. The axe was a **useful** present because the Washington family lived on a **farm**. George was very happy with the axe and began to play with it **right away**.

The next day, his father was surprised and unhappy when he saw his **favorite cherry** tree. The tree wasn't standing up any more, but instead it was lying on the ground. The father was angry and asked George, "George! Did you **cut down** the cherry tree with your new axe?"

George was afraid because his father was angry, but he was brave. He said to his father, "Father, I cannot tell a lie. Yes, I cut down the tree."

George didn't know that it was wrong to cut down the tree. But he knew that it was **wrong** to tell a lie. And he couldn't tell a lie to his father.

Circle the word that completes each sentence correctly.

1. An honest person tells (the truth / lies).
2. A legend is a (song / story).
3. A present is a (gift / problem).
4. An axe is like a large, sharp (spoon / knife).
5. A useful thing is something you can (often / never) use.
6. If you live on a farm, you live in the (city / country).
7. *Right away* means (later / immediately).
8. If something is your favorite, it means that you (hate / like) it very much.
9. A cherry is (a small red fruit / an axe).
10. When you cut down something, you (make a mark on it / cut it to the ground).
11. If you are brave, it means that you have a (strong / rude) character.
12. *Wrong* is the opposite of (useful, right).