

# Arlen Tells the Truth



Read the paragraph about Arlen, then decide what he is likely to do in each of the situations below. Write your answers on the lines provided.

Arlen always tells the truth. He believes that honesty is more important than almost anything else. Some kids call Arlen a tattler because they know they can't get away with doing bad things when Arlen is around. Arlen feels that

telling the truth is more important than the friendship of kids who do bad things. Still, sometimes he wishes he didn't feel so strongly about honesty, because life on the playground might be easier.

A. A boy takes Arlen's lunch money, then threatens to hurt Arlen if he tells anyone what happened.

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B. Arlen's best friend, Aaron, steals a book from the school library, but regrets what he's done and returns the book. He asks Arlen not to tell the librarian what he's done.

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C. Arlen is embarrassed that his parents won't allow him to see the new movie everyone is talking about, so he claims to have seen it too. Arlen's friend Andy asks what Arlen thought about the movie's ending.

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