



# Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills 8<sup>th</sup> Edition

Benchmark

Grade 4

Student Materials

Middle of Year

## Honesty

My mom always tells me that honesty is the best policy. I wasn't quite sure what she meant by that until I found some money the other day.

I was walking home from school when I saw a bag in the street. I could tell that something was in it, but I wasn't sure what. I walked over to the bag, picked it up, and then walked back to the sidewalk. It was heavy and lumpy. I opened it up and in it was stacks of money.

I had never seen so much money before! I was baffled because I didn't know where it came from. I wanted to go to the store and spend it. I thought about the things I could buy with all this money.

I stuffed it in my book bag and ran home. I wasn't sure if I should tell my mom or hide it in my room and spend a little at a time so no one would notice. I thought about what my mom always says about being honest. What if someone stole this money and the cops are looking for it?

So, I went into the family room and told my mom about my recent discovery. Then I showed her the bag of money. We drove to the police station and turned it in. They said that the money was stolen and that I did the right thing.

Three days later the police contacted my mom and told her to bring me to the police station to collect the reward money. It was a lot less money than had been in the bag, but I felt good about what I'd done and I was happy to be able to spend it without feeling guilty.