

The Cost of Dishonesty²⁶

David began studying in Germany¹ two years ago.

The college² was a little far³ from where he lived, so he had to take the subway⁴ every day.

This clever⁵ student soon⁶ found it was easy to skip⁷ buying subway tickets⁸, so he often went and returned⁹ without a ticket to save¹⁰ money.

As a result¹¹, he had been caught¹² with no ticket in the subway four times.

But he never took them to heart¹³. He thought what he should pay more attention¹⁴ to was his study. Finally²³ he graduated¹⁵ with amazing¹⁶ academic¹⁷ achievements¹⁸ a month ago.

Everyone, including¹⁹ himself, thought he would get a good job²⁰ easily in Germany and had a bright²¹ future²².

He went to a big company²⁴ confidently²⁵. But he wasn't even allowed²⁷ the chance²⁸ for an interview²⁹. He couldn't help telephoning the company to ask why they didn't want him.

The answer was simple³⁰: "we do not offer jobs to dishonest³¹ people in Germany!"

We may get short-term³² benefits³³ by dishonest means³⁷, but the truth³⁴ will come out sooner or later and the cost is high.

So remember, honesty³⁵ is the best policy³⁶.

- 1 Germany *n.* 德国
- 2 college *n.* 大学
- 3 far *adj.* 远的
- 4 subway *n.* 地铁
- 5 clever *adj.* 聪明的
- 6 soon *adv.* 不久
- 7 skip *v.* 跳过, 略过
- 8 ticket *n.* 票
- 9 return *v.* 返回
- 10 save *v.* 节省
- 11 result *n.* 结果
- 12 catch *v.* 抓住
- 13 heart *n.* 心
- 14 attention *n.* 注意力
- 15 graduate *v.* 毕业
- 16 amazing *adj.* 令人惊叹的
- 17 academic *adj.* 学术的
- 18 achievement *n.* 成就
- 19 including *prep.* 包括
- 20 job *n.* 工作, 职业
- 21 bright *adj.* 光明的
- 22 future *n.* 未来
- 23 finally *adv.* 最终
- 24 company *n.* 公司
- 25 confidently *adv.* 自信地
- 26 dishonesty *n.* 不诚实 (的行为)
- 27 allow *v.* 允许
- 28 chance *n.* 机会
- 29 interview *n.* 面试
- 30 simple *adj.* 简单的
- 31 dishonest *adj.* 不诚实的
- 32 short-term *adj.* 短期的
- 33 benefit *n.* 好处
- 34 truth *n.* 事实, 真相
- 35 honesty *n.* 诚实
- 36 policy *n.* 政策, 方针, 方案, 方法
- 37 mean *n.* 方法, 手段