

Subject: Civic Education

Class: JSS1

Term: First Term

Week 5

Topic: Dishonesty

Lesson Objectives:

By the end of this lesson, students should be able to:

1. Explain the meaning of **dishonesty**.
 2. Identify and explain the **consequences** of dishonest behavior in school and society.
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1. Meaning of Dishonesty

Dishonesty is the act of being **untruthful, deceptive, or not sincere** in words or actions. It involves **cheating, stealing, lying, breaking promises**, and hiding the truth.



Examples of Dishonest Acts:

- Cheating in exams.
 - Lying to parents or teachers.
 - Stealing from others.
 - Falsifying information (e.g., changing your age).
 - Using someone's work and claiming it as yours (plagiarism).
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2. Consequences of Dishonesty

Dishonesty has serious **negative effects** on individuals and society. Some of the major consequences include:



At the Individual Level:

1. **Loss of trust** – Once caught, people may no longer trust or believe you.
 2. **Punishment** – Dishonest students can be suspended, expelled, or punished.
 3. **Bad reputation** – Others will see you as a liar, thief, or cheat.
 4. **Guilt and fear** – A dishonest person may always be afraid of being caught.
 5. **Missed opportunities** – People will avoid giving responsibilities to dishonest people.
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At the Family Level:

1. **Shame and disappointment** – Parents may feel disgraced by a dishonest child.
 2. **Broken relationships** – Dishonesty can lead to fights and mistrust in the family.
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At the School and Society Level:

1. **Breakdown of law and order** – When people lie or cheat, rules are disrespected.
 2. **Corruption and crime** – Dishonesty is a root of many crimes and corrupt acts.
 3. **Poor national image** – If many citizens are dishonest, the nation becomes known for bad behavior.
 4. **Hindrance to progress** – Dishonesty can destroy teamwork, fairness, and national development.
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Examples of Real-Life Consequences:

- A student caught cheating in an exam may be disqualified or banned from writing again.
- A worker who steals from an office may be jailed.
- A leader who lies to citizens may lose elections or be removed from office.