

Honesty is the best policy!

Storyline: *Jon thinks that his roommate is taking advantage of him. Terri suggests that Jon have a talk with his roommate to get things straight.*

- Thomas:** How are things going with you and your roommate?
- Joseph:** Not very well. We're supposed to share the groceries, but I end up feeding him three meals a day. My grocery bill is huge, you know. I really can't afford it any longer.
- Thomas:** I know how you feel. I used to have a roommate like that. He never offered to reimburse me for anything.
- Joseph:** I'm really fed up with his freeloading, but I just don't know how to tell him that he should come up with half the grocery bill, because sometimes he treats me to a meal in a restaurant.
- Thomas:** Well, honesty is the best policy. Maybe you just want to have a heart-to-heart, friend-to-friend talk with him. If he refuses to mend his ways, then ask him to move out. You can't let him wear out his welcome.

VOCABULARIES:

- Roommate-** a person with whom one shares a room or rooms.
- Groceries-** a store selling foodstuffs and various household supplies.
- Huge-** unusually great in size or amount or degree or especially extent or scope
- Reimburse-** pay back for some expense incurred
- Honesty-** the quality or condition of being honest; integrity.
- Policy-** a written contract or certificate of insurance.
- Refuses-** to indicate unwillingness to do, accept, give, or allow

PRACTICE:

1. What is the content all about?
2. Is it fair for Joseph to be so generous for his roommate? Why?
3. Do you think it would be good for both of them to mend their ways? Why?
4. If you were in that situation would you do?
5. Give comment to this "Honesty is the best policy".