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**Lesson 22 : The truth**  
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1. Read the lines and answer the following questions:

Words can confer strength  
 They can drown it off  
 Words can gain friends  
 They can turn them Into enemies

- What kind of 'words 'are being recommended in the above lines?
  - Why is the poet giving so much emphasis to words?
  - Try to analyse your own behaviour in reaction to the above lines.
2. Being truthful in our lives is very important. But if a truth is conveyed in ugly words it leaves a scar on the heart and becomes painful. It is important to be truthful but also to be kind. Do you agree? Give your opinion.
3. Why do you think the poet has titled this poem "Truth"? Write your answer in 30-40 words.
4. "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can also hurt me." What do you understand by this line?
5. "Bats and bricks may ache through bones, but words can mortify me." What is the poet trying to convey through this line?
6. Read the lines and answer the following questions:

"Keep your thoughts  
 Positive because your  
 Thoughts become your  
 Words, keep your words  
 Positive because your  
 Words become your, Behaviour \_ \_ \_ \_ \_" – M.K Gandhi

- What do you understand by the above lines?
  - "Words become your, Behaviour", do you agree with Gandhi's idea of truth.
7. Write an essay in about 50-60 words how would you feel if someone used harsh and hurtful words to you.
8. Read the lines and answer the following questions:

The impact of words on the mind is powerful. Unkind words are more painful than wounds caused by weapons. Physical wounds heal up but emotional injury lasts long because words linger and haunt us, and never allow us to be at peace. Being truthful in our lives is very

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- Why do you understand by being honest and truthful? Do you think these characteristics are important.
  - List any 2 adjectives mentioned in the passage.
9. Go through the words given in the table and use them to share you emotions and feelings everyday.

<b>Positive Words</b>	<b>Neutral Words</b>	<b>Negative Words</b>
interested	curious	nosy
thrifty	saving	stingy
courageous	confident	conceited
unique	different	peculiar
meticulous	selective	picky
elated	happy	manic