

LUCY LEARNS A LESSON

Cast:

- Mr. Fox, teacher
- Lucy
- 3 other students

Set:

Classroom:

- Students in 3 rows of chairs; Lucy in front row.
- 2 big fastening-type envelopes on teacher's desk, with "test" and "answer key" inside #1.
- Students have "math books," paper, and pencil

Script:

Class is in session. The children are seated.

Mr. Fox: Okay, class. We're done with our review. For the rest of the time, you may study for your math test tomorrow. Go over all your addition/multiplication (*depending on your audience*) problems. While you work, I need a volunteer to take this (*hold up envelope #1*) down to the office. I need to have some copies made.

All the children immediately raise their hands eagerly.

Mr. Fox: Wait. This is a very special job. I need someone I can **really** trust, and who is very honest. This is tomorrow's math test--the questions **and** the answers, so I need to have someone who won't be tempted to peek. It would be cheating to peek at the answers. If you don't think you can keep from peeking, then don't volunteer.

A couple students grimace or gently shake their heads or mutter about how they would probably be too tempted to peek, and then put their hands down. Only Lucy's hand is still up, as eager and sure as ever.

Lucy: (*as an aside*) I'm sure I would never peek! Those other kids would peek, but I never would!!

Mr. Fox: Okay, Lucy, you can do it.

Lucy walks to the front of the class, while the other students begin to study. Mr. Fox hands her the envelope.

Mr. Fox: Okay, now I need you to ask the secretary to make 20 copies of the test: 9 for us, and 11 for Mrs. Smith's class. Also, please ask her to make 1 copy of the answer key, for Mrs. Smith. That's 20 copies of the test, and 1 copy of the answer sheet. Just hand the whole envelope to her, and she will make the copies and put them back in the envelope; that way, you won't see the test or answers. Then bring the envelope straight back here. And remember you must promise not to peek. It wouldn't be fair if you knew all the answers.

Lucy: (*Excitedly*) Oh I *do* promise! I would never peek. You can trust me with anything! I won't let you down.

Lucy walks out the "door," closing it behind her. Meanwhile, the class continues to study. Lucy walks a few steps down the hall toward the office, looks nervously behind her at the class door, and carefully opens the envelope and pulls out the test and answer sheet and begins reading. Mr. Fox instructs the class to continue studying while he goes next door to Mrs. Smith's room to ask her a question. Mr. Fox opens the door and sees Lucy looking at the contents of the envelope

Mr. Fox: (*looks sad and disappointed*) Wow, Lucy, I thought I could count on you. You said you would never peek!

Lucy, looking startled and ashamed, quickly shoves the papers back into the envelope and hurries to the office.

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