

# The Thief's Story

1. Hari Singh did not know how to cook. The first meal which he cooked for Anil was so bad that Anil threw it to the dogs. ~~But Hari's~~
2. The thief was grateful to Anil because he promised to teach him to write his name. The thief knew that once he learnt to write properly, there would be nothing so difficult.
3. He made a profit of one rupee from buying the day's supplies. Anil knew everything about Hari Singh's stealing but didn't mind them. Hari started to accept the joy of earning money by following the path of honesty. Hence Hari Singh found it quite pleasant to work with Anil.
4. Hari Singh was illiterate as he could not read and write. At railway station the list was attached but as he was illiterate he couldn't find a train which went to Ludhiana.



This promoted him not to stand at ticket office.

6. In the excitement of the theft, the thief had forgotten about his routine sitting under the shelter of the clock tower. He determined that Anil would probably have given him two or three rupees to go to cinema. Because he deserted him, he couldn't cook his meals and go to the bar counter to buy groceries. He would never be able to learn to write whole sentences any more.

7. Hari Singh returned to Anil because he felt guilty about robbing him. He thought that people have different responses to being robbed. Some people show fear, some show anger and some show acceptance. But Hari knew that Anil would be sad, not for the loss of money but for the loss of trust. Hari could not have the cancer pain by robbing Anil.



8. Next morning Anil had already made tea. he was having fifty rupee note in his hand. and Hari felt that he had been discovered. But Anil gave note to Hari and said that he would be paid regularly. Later Hari found that the note was still wet.

9. Anil is a kind, simple, and easy-going young man. He is tall and lean stature and has interest in sports like wrestling. He is not very rich and cannot offer to employ had as a cook. He has the patience and goodness to not only teach how to cook but also to read, write, and add numbers. Through he knows about Hari's stealing of little bits of money from the groceries he ignores this fact.

Anil is a writer who writes for magazines and makes money in bits and starts. He is a very trusting person. Even when he earns a large amount of money, he keeps the money under



his mattress and not in a safe box.

Anil is generous enough to pay Hari a certain portion of the money which Hari tried to steal ~~and~~ from him earlier. He has a forgiving nature and forgives Hari of his theft without letting him know of his discovery. He continues to be a good man to Hari.

10. After his first introduction, Hari Singh understood Anil's nature and his character rather well. He liked that he knew how to cook. Still Anil allowed Hari to work for him. Even at the age of 15, Hari Singh was an experienced and ~~the~~ helping hand. He knew all the tricks of the day from buying the day supplies. Anil knew it but ignored. Anil was really a trusting person. He had given Hari a key to the door, and he could come and go as he pleased. But it was sad that



to rob him. It is easy to rob a greedy man. It was difficult to rob a careful and trusting man like Anil. Sometimes, he didn't even notice that he had been robbed. That took all the precautions out of Hari Singh's work. Anil was no fool. He knew all about the theft, when and how it was committed. Neither his lips nor eyes showed that he saw Hari placing the money back under the mattress.

Trust begets trust. Ultimately Hari Singh realised that the only person who could help him was the man whom he had robbed a few hours ago. Naturally, Anil was the most trusting man Hari Singh had ever met in his life. Anil forgot the breach of his trust but rewarded Hari by giving a fifty-rupee note and promising to pay him regularly.

11. The speaker himself was an experienced thief and fairly successful one. The speaker made Anil his friend because he thought he could get into the



young man's confidence easily. He befriended Anil so that he could get with him with an intention of robbing him. In the end Anil is robbed but due to the kindness that he shows to the thief, the thief returns the money that he stole.

12 Hari Singh was a thief. He came to Anil's house with an intention to rob him. But Anil was a peaceful and kind man. Through Hari was a useless employ but Anil has still offered him a job on the full moon night. Hari planned to take the money that he kept under the mattress. When he was executing his plan his heart was not allowing to do that because of Anil's love and affection towards him so he came back to home and placed the money under the mattress. This shows that love and sympathy change a thief into a good person.