

Examples of Example or Illustration

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Having to come up with concrete examples of my father's honesty helped me appreciate this remarkable man.



An Honest Man

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An Admirable Man

My dad didn't have a college degree, but he was an intelligent man. He could fix most things, from cars to toasters to radios, and he had a knack for nurturing growing things such as crops and animals and children. My father was well liked and well respected in our community, and nobody deserved his reputation more than he did. Most of the things I learned of value in my childhood came from watching my father and learning from him. By setting a good example for me, my father showed me the meaning of honesty, hard work, and generosity.

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Not only was my dad honest, but he was also the hardest-working man I've ever known. His day began before daylight when he got up to feed and