



From box to cold day

Number the cards in story order.

Tehila says the thank-you built from true things.

Tehila opens the box and sees the mustard sweater.

Tehila wears the sweater once on a cold day.

Tehila feels the easy answer waiting.

Tehila lists what is true about the sweater.



True or pretend?

Mark TRUE for what Tehila can honestly say. Mark PRETEND for what she would have to fake.

Statement	TRUE	PRETEND
The stitches are even.	☐	☐
I love the color.	☐	☐
Aunt Leah worked on it for three weeks.	☐	☐
It is perfect.	☐	☐



A thank-you with true parts

Choose the reply that thanks honestly. Rewrite one other reply in your own words.

Reply	Honest?
☐ Thank you for making this. The stitches are so even.	
☐ I love it. It is perfect.	
☐ I'm still getting used to the color.	

One reply in your own words



Building a thank-you

Draw a path through the parts of a kind, honest thank-you.

Start

Say thank you.

Say you love it when you do not.

Name a true thing you like.

Say what you are unsure about.

Say it is ugly.

Ask for time.

Say next time you will tell a color you like.

A kind, honest thank-you



My true parts

Use a fictional gift and a fictional giver. No private information is needed.

A fictional gift

Two true things to say

One thing the character is unsure about, said kindly



Thanks without pretending

Read the reminders with an adult. Choose one that fits. Final stickers are 2 1/4-inch squares.

**Thank you is
true**

**Name what you
like**

**Not sure yet is
okay**

**Kind and
honest**

Ask for time

**Say a color you
like**



The wooden buttons

Draw a row of five wooden buttons on a plain sweater front. Leave the color blank.



A detail I add to the sweater



Find the honest words

Find SWEATER, BUTTONS, STITCH, HONEST, THANKS, COLOR, TRUE, ASK. All go left to right. Tell one word's part in the story.

S	W	E	A	T	E	R	X	Q	Z
X	B	U	T	T	O	N	S	D	F
Z	S	T	I	T	C	H	P	X	K
Q	H	O	N	E	S	T	B	V	D
X	T	H	A	N	K	S	M	Z	P
B	C	O	L	O	R	Q	W	X	D
X	T	R	U	E	Q	D	F	G	H
K	A	S	K	X	C	B	N	M	Z
P	Q	M	Z	X	W	V	B	D	F
C	B	N	M	K	X	Q	Z	P	D

SWEATER**BUTTONS****STITCH****HONEST****THANKS****COLOR****TRUE****ASK**

One word's part in the story



Parent notes and answers

Discussion questions:

What was the easy answer Tehila did not say?

What true things could she say?

What did she say about the color?

How did Aunt Leah answer?

What did Tehila decide about wearing the sweater?

Parent tool: Gratitude can be real without pretending to love a gift. Help the teen build a thank-you from true parts, name a limit kindly and leave room for the giver to respond. Do not treat honesty as permission to criticize. A giver's generosity does not require the receiver to use or keep a gift forever.

1. Listed order 4, 1, 5, 2, 3.

2. TRUE: the stitches are even; Aunt Leah worked three weeks; the buttons are handsome.
PRETEND: I love the color; it is perfect.

3. Honest: thank you for making this; the stitches are even; I'm still getting used to the color. Not honest: I love it, it is perfect.

4. Useful nodes: Say thank you; Name a true thing you like; Say what you are unsure about; Ask for time; Say next time you will tell a color you like. Not useful nodes: Say you love it when you do not; Say it is ugly.

5. Open. Example: a handmade scarf; true things: warm, careful work; unsure: the pattern.

6. Open. Honest and kind can go together.

7. Open. No people needed.

8. SWEATER: row 1, column 1, right; BUTTONS: row 2, column 2, right; STITCH: row 3, column 2, right; HONEST: row 4, column 2, right; THANKS: row 5, column 2, right; COLOR: row 6, column 2, right; TRUE: row 7, column 2, right; ASK: row 8, column 2, right