

Moral Questions and Dilemmas

Learning objective: To understand the meaning of morality and explore how to make ethical decisions when faced with a dilemma.

Read the question or term on the front of the card, think about the answer, and then check your response against the answer on the back.

What are morals?

Morals: The beliefs or rules a person has about what is right and what is wrong.

What is a moral dilemma?

Moral Dilemma: A situation where a person has to choose between two options, and both might feel right or wrong.

What does 'consequence' mean?

Consequence: The result or effect of an action, which can be positive or negative.

What is empathy?

Empathy: The ability to understand and share the feelings of another person.

What is honesty?

Honesty: Being truthful and fair, and not lying, stealing, or cheating.

What does it mean to be 'fair'?

Fairness: Treating people in a way that is right or reasonable, without showing favouritism.

What is responsibility?

Responsibility: Being accountable for your own actions and taking care of the things you are expected to do.

Max finds a £1 coin on the playground. He knows it belongs to a classmate. What is the moral thing to do?

The moral thing to do is to return the money to the classmate or give it to a teacher.

Why do different people sometimes have different morals?

Because they might be raised in different cultures, follow different religions, or have different life experiences.

If you tell a 'white lie' to stop a friend from feeling sad, is that always the right choice?

This is a dilemma, some believe honesty is always best, while others believe kindness is more important in that moment.

What is the 'Golden Rule' often used in moral discussions?

The Golden Rule: Treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself.

How can thinking about consequences help us make a moral decision?

It helps us predict if our action will cause harm or help someone, guiding us to choose the kindest path.