Big Questions: Exploring Morality with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To articulate personal viewpoints on moral dilemmas and justify choices using reasoned arguments.

Read the opening passage carefully. Use the questions below to build a structured argument. Remember to consider different perspectives and explain your reasoning clearly. Use the word bank to help connect your ideas.

Leo the Lion stood at the edge of the watering hole, watching the animals gather, and wondered whether it was always right to share even when you have very little yourself.

Word bank: consequently · furthermore · on the other hand · alternatively · in my opinion · this suggests that · however · taking everything into account · moral obligation

1. What is the moral dilemma Leo is facing? Describe the situation in your own words... (2 marks)

2. Explain why someone might believe that sharing everything is the most important rule to follow... (3 marks)

3. Compare and contrast two different ways Leo could solve this problem. What are the consequences of each choice? (4 marks)

4. Justify your answer: If you were in Leo's position, what would you decide to do and why is this the most 'moral' choice? (4 marks)

5. What might happen if all the animals in the jungle decided to stop sharing their resources altogether? (3 marks)

6. Reflect on a time you had to make a difficult choice. How did your personal values guide your final decision? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short dialogue between Leo the Lion and another animal where they debate the meaning of fairness. Use at least three pieces of advanced vocabulary to describe their differing points of view.