

The Compassion Conundrum with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To explore moral questions, understand the importance of making ethical choices, and justify decisions based on values such as fairness and kindness.

Leo the Lion is writing a new book about fairness. He has presented four 'Moral Dilemmas' below. For each scenario, decide on the most compassionate action. You must justify your choice using your own moral reasoning. Use the word bank to help explain your thoughts.

Word bank: consequences · empathy · integrity · fairness · responsibility · justice · kindness · perspective

1. Scenario 1: You find a wallet on the school playground containing £10 and a library card. What is the right thing to do and why? (2 marks)

2. Scenario 2: Your friend admits to you that they accidentally broke a classroom display while playing indoors. The teacher is asking the whole class who did it. How should you advise your friend? (2 marks)

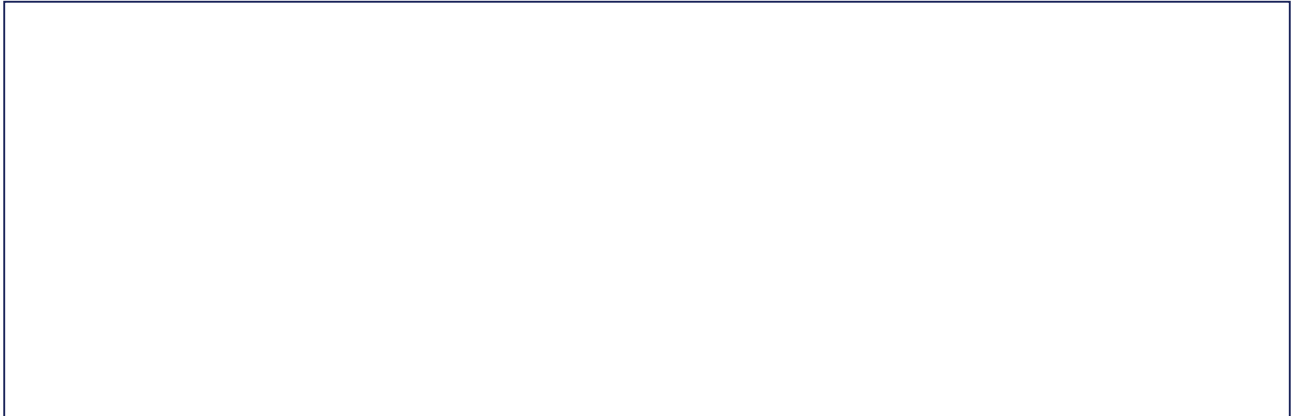
3. Scenario 3: You notice a classmate sitting alone every lunchtime looking sad. You have your own group of friends to play with. What moral choice could you make to improve their day? (2 marks)

4. Scenario 4: Compare and contrast: Is it ever okay to tell a lie to protect someone's feelings? Justify your answer. (2 marks)

5. Explain why 'fairness' does not always mean that everyone gets the exact same thing. (2 marks)

6. What might happen if everyone in society decided to act only in their own self-interest, ignoring the needs of others? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Tree of Values'. On the roots, write the qualities that help us make good moral choices (e.g., honesty, empathy). On the leaves, draw scenes showing people acting with those values in the real world.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem or a 'Code of Conduct' for your classroom that outlines three moral rules you believe would make your school a kinder place to learn. Explain the reasoning behind each rule.