

Making Choices: Exploring Moral Questions

Learning objective: To understand how to identify and consider different viewpoints when discussing complex moral dilemmas.

Read each scenario carefully. Use your reasoning skills and the vocabulary provided to explain the choices you would make and why.

A moral question is a problem where there is no single 'right' answer. These questions often ask us to consider what is kind, fair, or honest. When we face a dilemma, we must think about how our actions affect others and ourselves, guided by our personal values.

Word bank: consequence · perspective · integrity · dilemma · empathy · responsibility · values

1. Max finds a lost wallet on the school playground containing £20 and no ID. Define what a moral dilemma is in this situation and explain the two main choices Max faces. (2 marks)

2. Using the word 'empathy', explain why it is important for Kit to consider the feelings of the person who lost the money before deciding what to do. (2 marks)

3. If Ellie decides to hand the wallet into the school office, what is the positive 'consequence' of her action? Suggest one reason why someone might argue for a different choice. (2 marks)

4. Identify one of your own core 'values' (e.g., honesty, kindness, or fairness) and explain how it helps you make difficult decisions in your daily life. (2 marks)

5. Zara is asked by a friend to keep a secret that she knows might hurt another classmate. Why is this a moral question rather than a simple rule-following task? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a 'Decision Tree'. On one branch, draw an action that shows kindness, and on the other, draw a different choice. Label the outcome of each branch.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph describing a time you had to make a tough choice. Explain which values helped you decide, and how you felt after making your decision.