

The Moral Compass: A Dilemma Diary with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To explore moral questions and understand how personal values and beliefs influence the choices we make.

Leo the Lion often writes poetry about the tricky decisions he faces in the jungle. Today, it is your turn to act as a moral philosopher. Read the scenario provided by your teacher, then use this template to carefully think through the different choices. Remember, in moral questions, there is rarely one 'right' answer—what matters is how you justify your reasoning based on your personal values.

Word bank: Integrity · Consequences · Values · Empathy · Responsibility · Fairness · Dilemma · Perspective

1. The Moral Dilemma: Describe the situation you have been given. What is the main problem, and who is involved? (2 marks)

2. The Options: List two different ways a person could respond to this situation. What could they do in each case? (2 marks)

3. The Consequences: For each option you listed above, what might be the positive or negative results for the people involved? (3 marks)

4. My Decision: If you were in this situation, what would you choose to do? Explain why your choice is the right thing to do. (3 marks)

5. Value Connection: Which personal value (e.g., honesty, kindness, or fairness) helped you make your decision? Why is that value important to you? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short poem, in the style of Leo the Lion, that summarises the moral lesson learned from this dilemma.