

The Moral Compass: A Dilemma Challenge with Max and Leo

Learning objective: To explore moral questions and the consequences of actions, developing reasoned arguments for ethical decision-making.

Max the monkey and Leo the lion are facing difficult choices. Read each scenario and decide on the best course of action. Use the 'Moral Compass' framework: consider the consequences, who is affected, and what values (like honesty, kindness, or fairness) are most important. Provide a justified reason for your choice for each dilemma.

Word bank: consequences · integrity · empathy · responsibility · dilemma · values · justice · intention

1. Scenario 1: Max finds a purse containing £25 and a library card on the school field. No one is around. Max could buy a new puzzle book, or try to return it. Explain why returning the purse is the moral choice, even if no one knows who took it. (2 marks)

2. Scenario 2: Leo sees a classmate cheating during a maths test. If he tells the teacher, his friend might get in trouble. If he stays silent, it is unfair to everyone who studied. Justify your answer: Is it more important to be loyal to a friend or to be honest for the sake of fairness? (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast: How do these two scenarios differ in terms of how they affect other people? Think about direct and indirect consequences. (2 marks)

4. What might happen if everyone chose to act only for their own personal gain, ignoring the needs of others? (2 marks)

5. Identify one 'value' from the word bank that you think is most important when solving a moral dilemma. Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

6. Create a third scenario involving a moral dilemma at home. How would you apply your personal values to solve it? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Moral Compass' symbol. In each of the four directions (North, South, East, West), draw a symbol or write a word that represents a positive value you think is important for making good decisions (e.g., a heart for kindness, a scale for justice).



Extension challenge: Write a short, persuasive speech (100–150 words) from the perspective of Leo the lion, explaining to a younger student why integrity matters even when it is difficult to be truthful.