

The Moral Compass: A Philosophical Inquiry with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To explore complex moral questions by reflecting on personal values, consequences, and the principles of justice and empathy.

Leo the Lion is preparing to lead a group adventure, but he needs to decide how to handle a difficult dilemma fairly. Use this template to analyse a moral scenario. Consider the impact of your choices on others, the importance of honesty, and what it means to act with integrity. Think deeply before you write.

Word bank: integrity · consequences · empathy · dilemma · perspective · fairness · accountability · virtue · moral · reasoning

1. The Dilemma: Describe a situation where someone has to make a difficult choice between two options that are both challenging. Explain the conflict. (2 marks)

2. The Perspectives: Compare and contrast how two different people involved in this situation might feel about the outcome. Justify your answer. (3 marks)

3. The Consequence: Explain why certain actions lead to specific outcomes. If the person chose the alternative option, what might happen to their community? (3 marks)

4. The Moral Principle: Which core value (e.g., honesty, kindness, courage) is most important in this situation? Explain why you have chosen this value. (2 marks)

5. The Resolution: Propose a solution that upholds the principles of fairness and justice. How does this solution satisfy the needs of all parties? (3 marks)

6. Self-Reflection: Describe a time you faced a small moral choice. How did your decision align with your own personal beliefs? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Creative Challenge: Imagine Leo the Lion is writing a poem about this moral dilemma. Write a four-line stanza that captures the tension between wanting to be kind and needing to be fair. Then, write a short paragraph debating whether it is ever acceptable to break a rule in order to do what is 'right'. Use evidence to support your argument.