

Moral Choices and Ethical Dilemmas

Learning objective: To explore complex moral questions and evaluate the impact of decisions on individuals and communities.

Read each scenario carefully. Use your reasoning skills to weigh the different perspectives, considering what is fair, kind, and just. Write your answers in full sentences, justifying your choices using the vocabulary provided.

In this exercise, you are presented with scenarios where there is no single 'correct' answer. Instead, you must apply your own set of moral principles and think about how your actions might affect others. Consider how characters like Leo the Lion, who values fairness, or Kit the Fox, who values logical solutions, might approach these situations.

Word bank: Consequence · Integrity · Perspective · Accountability · Dilemma · Empathy · Principles · Altruism

1. Max finds a lost wallet on the school playground containing £20 and no identification. Explain why he might choose to hand it in to the school office rather than keeping it, despite his own desire to buy a new puzzle book. (2 marks)

2. Ellie notices that a classmate is being left out of a group game. Compare and contrast the potential outcomes if she ignores the situation versus if she invites the student to join in. (3 marks)

3. If you discovered that a friend had accidentally broken a valuable item belonging to someone else, would you feel obligated to tell the truth? Justify your answer by explaining the importance of accountability. (3 marks)

4. What might happen if everyone in a community acted only for their own benefit, ignoring the needs of others? Discuss the impact this would have on society. (4 marks)

5. Imagine a situation where telling a lie might prevent someone from feeling sad. Is it ever morally acceptable to be untruthful? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Moral Scales' icon. On one side of the scale, illustrate a choice that benefits the individual, and on the other side, illustrate a choice that benefits the community. Label the fulcrum (the centre point) with the word 'Integrity'.



Extension challenge: Write a short, persuasive speech from the perspective of Leo the Lion, explaining to a group of young animals why it is essential to consider the feelings of others before making a decision that affects the whole group.