# Making Choices: Exploring Moral Questions

*Learning objective: To reflect on moral dilemmas and express a reasoned viewpoint using balanced arguments.*

Read the opening passage below. Use the writing frame to construct a balanced argument about a moral choice. Think about how your decisions affect others and why it is important to be kind and fair.

Max the monkey found a bag of gold coins worth £500 left on a park bench with no name tag, and he faced a difficult choice about what to do next.

*Word bank: on the other hand · furthermore · consequently · in my opinion · however · nevertheless · taking everything into account · ethical · responsibility · consequences*

**1. Introduction: State the dilemma clearly. Start by saying: The moral dilemma facing Max is whether to... (2 marks)**

**2. Arguments for one side: Explain why someone might choose to keep the money. Start by saying: Some might argue that keeping the money is acceptable because... (3 marks)**

**3. Arguments for the other side: Explain why it is important to be honest. Start by saying: However, it is also important to consider that... (3 marks)**

**4. Personal reflection: What would you do? Start by saying: In my opinion, the most responsible action would be to... (2 marks)**

**5. Conclusion: Summarise the main point. Start by saying: To conclude, making moral choices requires us to... (2 marks)**

*Extension challenge: Imagine a different moral dilemma, such as whether to tell a teacher the truth about a broken school item or stay quiet. Write a short paragraph explaining the consequences of both options.*