

The Issues Imagine Faces



Scenario 1

Every week, your big brother takes a course given a few kilometres from your home.

Option 1: He can use a city bus route to get there quickly.

Option 2: He can get a lift by car.

What should he do? Justify your answer.

Scenario 7

You're a music lover, but the batteries of your wireless speakers are dead.

Option 1: You borrow money from your parents to buy rechargeable batteries.

Option 2: You buy disposable batteries with your pocket money.

What should you do? Justify your answer.

Scenario 2

Winter is coming and one of your parents needs new boots. The saleslady offers her:

Option 1: One \$89 pair of boots that were made in Canada.

Option 2: Another pair, this time for \$79, but made in China.

Which should she choose? Justify your answer.

Scenario 8

One of your parents is going to pick up groceries at the local grocer's. He has a choice between:

Option 1: Carrots grown in Québec for \$5 per kilogram.

Option 2: Carrots from California for \$4.50 per kilogram.

Which should he choose? Justify your answer.

Scenario 3

You're expecting a lot of friends for your birthday. All sorts of juices and milk will be served with the birthday cake.

Option 1: You buy disposable dishes and glasses.

Option 2: You use your regular households dishes and glasses. Afterwards you wash them.

What should you do? Justify your answer.

Scenario 9

They're advertising a big sale on school bags. You already have one, but it needs to be repaired.

Option 1: You buy a new bag and throw the old one out.

Option 2: You have your old bag repaired.

What should you do? Justify your answer.

Scenario 4

Your parents need to buy coffee. They can choose from:

Option 1: Coffee produced by a big corporation that exploits workers; this product costs \$10 per kilogram.

Option 2: Fair trade coffee that costs \$12 per kilogram but was produced in a manner respectful of workers and the environment.

Which should they choose? Justify your answer.

Scenario 10

On the way to the cottage, you stop at a gas station with your parents to buy something to drink. For the same price and size:

Option 1: You choose a soda pop sold in a plastic bottle.

Option 2: You choose a soda pop sold in a returnable glass bottle (consignment bottle).

Which do you choose? Justify your answer.

Scenario 5

The teacher needs to buy paper for the class.

Option 1: You suggest he buy recycled loose-leaf paper at \$5.50 per package.

Option 2: Someone else suggests he buy unrecycled paper for \$4.75.

What should he do? Justify your answer.

Scenario 11

Your family has invited you out to dinner.

Option 1: You choose to eat at a restaurant owned by a multinational company.

Option 2: You choose to eat at a locally-owned restaurant in your neighbourhood.

Which do you choose? Justify your answer.

Scenario 6

You want to buy digital music player.

Option 1: You buy it for \$50 from a retailer.

Option 2: You buy it from a door-to-door salesperson, even if you think it might be stolen.

What should you do? Justify your answer.

Scenario 12

It's Valentine's Day and you'd like to send a greeting card to your crush.

Option 1: You make the card yourself.

Option 2: You buy it in a store.

What should you do? Justify your answer.