

GLOSSARY

ambivalent: 1. uncertain or subject to change; undecided. 2. experiencing contradictory and opposing emotions toward someone or something at one time, especially love and hate.

dispute: 1. to argue about; debate. 2. to question the truth of; doubt.

peer pressure: the influence someone feels from friends or other people one's age to behave in a certain way.

personal values: principles, standards, or qualities that a person considers worthwhile or desirable.

visualize: 1. to form a mental image of. 2. to picture in the mind; imagine.

TRUE OR FALSE

Check whether each statement is true or false for you.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. I would participate in an activity that involved people I didn't know.		
2. I would not cheat on a test, even if everyone else was doing it.		
3. I sometimes think people who are unpopular are nice.		
4. I would speak out about something, even if I thought others would disagree.		
5. I would help someone if they needed it, even if this person wasn't a friend.		
6. I like to meet people who are different from me.		
7. If two of my friends aren't speaking to each other, I can still be friends with both of them.		
8. I would wear a favourite shirt to school, even if nobody else wears shirts like this.		
9. I would join a popular group, even if they did things I don't agree with.		
10. I would not lie for a friend, even if he or she wanted me to.		
TOTAL		

Now, go back and circle the statements that you feel are the hardest ones for people your age to do.

COURT CASES



CASE #1

Kevin was babysitting one afternoon at a neighbour's house. He left his mobile phone at home, and wanted to call a friend who was visiting relatives in another country. He asked if it was okay to use the phone, and the neighbour said yes. Kevin didn't say he would be making an international call.

Kevin ran up a large bill on the international call. The neighbour says that Kevin owes him an afternoon of babysitting to pay for it. Kevin says that he doesn't owe anything because he had permission to use the phone.

CASE #2

Megan brought some firecrackers to school. She gave a few firecrackers to Julia and dared her to light one in class. Julia said that she would only set it off if Megan set one off too.

Julia set off a firecracker, but Megan didn't. Julia was suspended from school. Julia claims that Megan is the one who should be suspended, since she brought the firecrackers to school. Megan claims that since Julia lit the firecracker in class, she is the one who should be suspended.

CASE #3

Robert's soccer team supplies uniforms and shoes for the players. They are supposed to be worn to practices and games. Robert doesn't like them.

At the first practice, Robert said he forgot his uniform and shoes. The coach let him play anyway. At the second practice, Robert said his uniform was in the wash, and his shoes were in his mother's car. The coach benched him. When Robert showed up without his uniform and shoes the third time, the coach sent him home.

Robert claims that the coach didn't warn him and that the coach is unfair. The coach says that if Robert won't wear his uniform and shoes, then he can't play.

CASE #4

Keisha finished her math test early. She was bored and began drawing and writing on a page of her notebook. She kept looking at her friend in the next row. Her friend finally looked at Keisha and mouthed, "What are you doing?" Keisha held up her notebook and her friend bent toward her to look. The teacher failed both girls.

The teacher claims that the girls were cheating. The girls claim that they weren't doing anything wrong.

STAR POWER

Personal Facts:

