Thinking and Deciding

DECIDING WHAT TO DO: PART 1

Careful thinking is the basis for good decisions. Study the four situations below. Decide how each person should handle his or her situation.



Belinda has very large eyes. People often think she is staring at them. Most of the time, she is not looking at anyone. This has caused her problems many times. If someone accuses Belinda of staring, what should she say or do? Matt is trying to build a small storage shed for his bike. He started the shed on Monday after work. When he stopped at the end of the day, the shed was not very stable. The wind blew it down during the night. On Tuesday night after work, the same thing happened. How could Matt solve this problem?

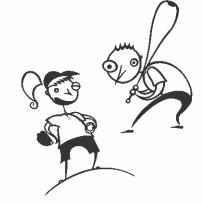
Darcey went on vacation last month. She gave a spare apartment key to a friend and asked him to feed her cat. That worked out fine, but now her friend says he can't find the key. Darcey is worried about the lost key. What should Darcey say or do?

Donna is talking to her supervisor about a promotion. She uses the word "except" instead of the word "expect." As soon as Donna says the word, she knows it is wrong. What should Donna say or do?

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Continue to think carefully about making good decisions. Think about each of the problems below. Decide how each person should handle the various situations.



Haley lives next door to a family who has four children. The kids play ball in the street and the ball often hits her house. Haley doesn't want to cause a problem, but she cannot allow her house to be damaged. What should Haley say or do?

Alfonso is on the swim team. Before practice on Wednesday, his fins are missing. Everyone's fins are nearly the same. However, he had punched three tiny holes over the big toe in each fin. He sees that another swimmer is wearing his fins. What should Alfonso say or do?

Zora is driving through an intersection. A van runs a red light and hits her car. Her landlord is driving the van. He says that his light was green and that Zora's was red. Zora knows this isn't true. She also knows that her landlord is hot-tempered. What should Zora say or do?

Kyle has lost a book he checked out from the city library. He has looked at home and at school, but cannot find the book. The book is worth \$50, and he does not have the money to buy a new one. What should Kyle say or do?

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