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### Moral dilemma

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**Proficiency level:** Intermediate.

**Target age:** 18 and up.

**Theme:** Moral dilemmas.

**Focus:** Speaking.

**Estimated time:** 45 minutes.

#### Procedure:

- A. The teacher reads out loud a moral dilemma. Then, asks the reflective questions one by one encouraging the students to speak.
- B. The teacher provides useful vocabulary, phrases, and helps the students with pronunciation and grammar structures when is asked to.
- C. The teacher does not interrupt the students' participation to correct errors.
- D. The teacher gives feedback to the students by identifying and correcting the speaking errors at the end of the activity.

#### Dilemma 1: At the video rental store:



<http://www.google.com/images?hl=es&source=hp&biw=851&bih=530&q=video+rental+store&gbv=2&aq=f&aqi=&aql=&oq=>

It is Sunday afternoon. You have spent the whole day watching movies. You go to the store to take them back. When you are in there, you see your boss and his wife walking into the store, you do not want them to see you in running pants and sweatshirt, your hair in a pony tail, and without make-up.

### Would you ...

- a) Drop the videos and run away?
- b) Approach them to say hello in spite of your personal appearance?
- c) Hide behind the shelves for them no to see you?

### Dilemma 2: Dinner invitation:



<http://www.google.com/images?hl=es&gbv=2&biw=839&bih=519&tbm=isch&aq=f&aqi=&oq=&q=restaurants.%20images>

You have been invited to dinner by someone who wants to be your boyfriend. He is good looking, seems to be a good person, and dresses well, but you are interested in him only as a friend. Plus, you do not want to be involved in a love relationship for now.

### Would you . . .

- a) Simply reject the invitation?
- b) Go out with him even though you are aware of his intentions?
- c) Be honest since the beginning and tell him you only want his friendship?
- d) Accept his invitation to spend the time and avoid boredom?

**Dilemma 3: Investments:**



<http://www.google.com/images?hl=es&gbv=2&biw=839&bih=519&tbn=isch&sa=1&q=houses%2C+images&aq=f&aqi=g1&aql=&oq=>

You want to buy a house that is closer to your workplace. After spending several weeks looking you finally find it! However, the house is too expensive and you cannot afford to pay it with your savings. You go to the bank to apply for a credit and are informed that you would have monthly payments that are higher than what you expected.

**Would you ...**

- a) Take the risk and buy the house?
- b) Look for a cheaper house but not near your job?
- c) Ask to a relative or friend for a loan instead of the bank?