

Social Scenario #9

Stellar Scores or Steady Smiles?

'I'm not sure what school my son should go to. Can you help?'

Dive into Mr Garcia's world, a father with a tricky decision to make. After reading about his situation, group up with your friends and weigh the pros and cons. Remember, there's a lot to consider, especially when it's about happiness and the future. Discuss for an hour, and then let's all come together to share ideas!



Read the scenario below and help Mr Garcia decide.



Mr Garcia has always sought the best for his son, Alex. Recently, he discovered a new school in town renowned for its exceptional teachers, advanced sports facilities, and high academic standards. Mr. Garcia believes that transferring Alex to this school could present more opportunities for his future.

However, there's a twist. Alex is deeply attached to his current school. He has a close-knit circle of friends, and each day is filled with stories of fun and laughter. Despite the new school's potential benefits, Mr. Garcia knows that Alex would greatly miss his friends and the familiarity of his current school. This leaves Mr. Garcia pondering whether the advantages of the new school truly outweigh the joys and comfort that Alex currently experiences.

ADAPTION is when we change to meet the new circumstances or situations before us.



Alex's Father



'I want the best for Alex. I want him to have the best chances in life, but I also want him to be happy.'

Alex



'I love my school and my friends! I can't imagine being anywhere else.'

New School Principal



'We offer great opportunities here, and many kids adjust and make new friends after joining. Alex would fit in beautifully here.'

Here are some questions to help you think:

- What's more important: the quality of education or happiness at school?
- Can Alex make new friends easily if he moves, or would it be really tough for him?
- Is there a way for Alex to still see his old friends even if he goes to the new school?
- How might the better facilities and teaching at the new school benefit Alex?
- Could Mr Garcia talk to Alex about the idea and see how he feels?
- Are there other things, besides friends, that Alex might miss from his current school?
- How can Mrs Garcia ensure that Alex adjusts well if they decide to make the switch?
- If they decide to stay, can they find other ways to support Alex's education outside of school?

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