



Fashion or Family?



Social Scenarios

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A series of social situations designed to allow children to develop the skills of leadership, decision-making and perspective. Let's put ourselves in the shoes of others before making any decisions.

Can you make a decision and keep everyone satisfied?

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Your Instructions

This week, we have an exciting challenge for you! Imagine you're in Aisha's shoes—a tenth-grade student facing a significant decision. Every choice we make has consequences, both positive and negative, and sometimes making the right choice means thinking about the bigger picture.

This week, we'll explore the theme of "choice"—how the decisions we make today can shape our future. In real life, choices are not always easy, and they often require us to weigh different perspectives, think critically, and consider long-term effects.

To get started, read through Aisha's story and understand the different factors at play. Once you've gone through the information, work with your team to come up with the best decision. Then, share your ideas with the class, participate in a debate, and vote on the best solution.

Remember, every choice carries responsibility. Let's help Aisha make a thoughtful decision that considers all perspectives!

Step	Action
1	Step into Aisha's Shoes: Imagine you are Aisha, a tenth-grade student facing an important decision.
2	Understand the Power of Choice: Learn how decisions have long-term effects on our lives.
3	Read the Scenario: Go through Aisha's story and understand the different perspectives involved.
4	Discuss as a Team: Share your thoughts with your group and listen to different viewpoints.
5	Analyse the Impact: Think about the positive and negative consequences of Aisha's possible choices.
6	Brainstorm Solutions: Work with your team to find the best, most balanced solution.
7	Prepare a 2-Minute Talk: Develop a short presentation explaining your decision and its impact.
8	Present Your Decision: Share your choice with the class and justify your reasoning.
9	Vote as a Class: Cast an anonymous vote to decide the best solution.
10	Reflect and Discuss: Talk about what you learned and how choices shape our future.

Social Scenario #5

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'I'm not sure what I should study. Can you help?'

Dive into a tale about Aisha, a grade 10 student. After soaking in her story, team up with your friends and brainstorm about what Aisha should do next. Just remember, every choice has its own merit, and you've got 1 hour to discuss before telling the class your thoughts!

Read the scenario below and help Aisha decide.

Aisha is a bright student and about to graduate from high school. Ever since she was a little girl, her parents have always talked about how proud they'd be if she became a doctor. They often mention the good she could do, the respect she'd earn, and the stable life ahead. Hearing this so often, Aisha has almost convinced herself that maybe medicine is her path.

But deep down, Aisha has always had a passion for fashion. She sketches designs in her notebooks, follows fashion blogs, and even makes some of her own clothes. The idea of creating, of seeing her designs on a runway, fills her with excitement.

University applications are now due, and Aisha is torn. Should she pursue medicine, making her parents proud and ensuring a stable career? Or should she chase her dream of becoming a fashion designer, even if it's uncertain and her parents might not understand?

PASSION is when you feel motivation in your heart to achieve something.

Aisha

'I want to make my parents proud, but I also want to be true to myself and my dreams.'

Her Parents

We just want our daughter to be successful in life. We know what's best.'

Her Art Teacher

I can see that she has a special talent and I do not want her to waste it and do something she doesn't truly love.'

Here are some questions to help you think:

- Why do Aisha's parents want her to be a doctor so much?
- What are the benefits of being a doctor? And what are the challenges?
- What does a career in fashion look like? What are the ups and downs?
- How important is it for Aisha to follow her own dream compared to her parents' wishes?
- Can Aisha find a way to combine both her love for fashion and medicine, maybe?
- How can Aisha talk to her parents about her true feelings?
- What if Aisha tries fashion and then decides it's not for her? Or vice-versa with medicine?
- Are there other paths or options Aisha hasn't considered yet?

Key Vocabulary

choices	passion
university	career
doctor	dreams
fashion	talent
wish	pressure

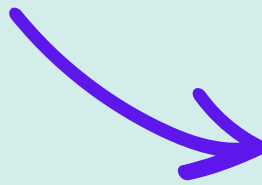
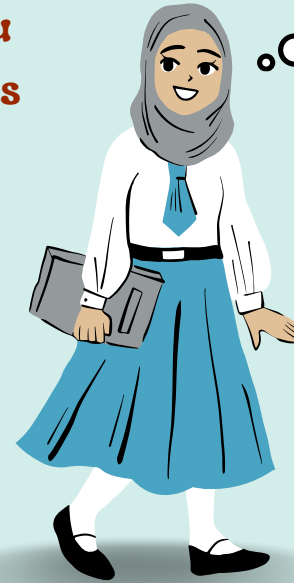
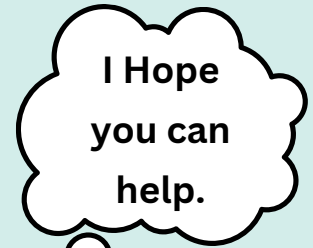
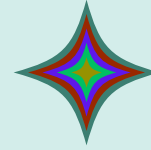
Huddle up with your friends, and let's see if you can help Aisha make the best choice for her future!

Before you Begin

Here are a few things to remember!

Imagination and Creativity

You are about to imagine that you are somebody else. From this point onwards, you must put yourself in the shoes of Aisha who is a student.



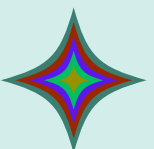
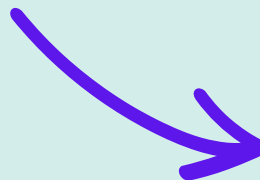
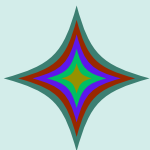
Teamwork and Communication

To make such big decisions like these, you'll need to find a group of people to help you discuss the various options before you make your final decision. Teamwork makes the dream work.



Skills you will Develop

- Empathy
- Global Citizenship
- Active Listening
- Collaboration
- Teamwork
- Critical Thinking
- Leadership
- Perspective



Now, let's get started!



Perspective is Everything

Before making any decision, it's essential to consider how it will affect those involved. This means putting yourself in their position and viewing the situation through their eyes. By taking the time to genuinely understand their emotions and needs, we can ensure that our choices are fair and considerate, leading to outcomes that benefit everyone.

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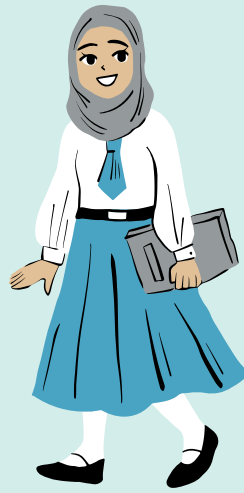
*“May your choices reflect
your hopes, not your fears.”*

-Nelson Mandela



Aisha

Follow the flowchart provided below and work together as a team to answer all the questions. Once you have reached a decision, remember to write your key message to the Aisha at the bottom of the page.



'I want to make my parents proud, but I also want to be true to myself and my dreams.'

If we say yes to being a fashion designer how will she be affected?

If we say no to being a fashion designer how will she be affected?

What are the negative effects?

What are the positive effects?

How can we protect Aisha from the negative impacts?

Overall thoughts

Your message to Yourself (Aisha).

Her Parents

Follow the flowchart provided below and work together as a team to answer all the questions. Once you have reached a decision, remember to write your key message to her parents at the bottom of the page.



We just want our daughter to be successful in life. We know what's best.'

If we say yes to being a fashion designer how will they be affected?

If we say no to being a fashion designer how will they be affected?

What are the negative effects?

What are the positive effects?

How can we protect them from the negative impacts?

Overall thoughts

Your message to the parents.

Art Teacher

Follow the flowchart provided below and work together as a team to answer all the questions. Once you have reached a decision, remember to write your key message to her teacher at the bottom of the page.



I can see that she has a special talent and i do not want her to waste it and do something she doesn't truly love.'

If we say yes to being a fashion designer how will her art teacher be affected?

If we say no to being a fashion designer how will her art teacher be affected?

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What are the positive effects?

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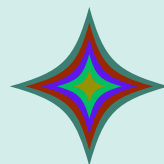
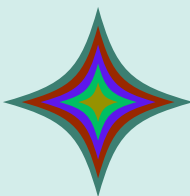
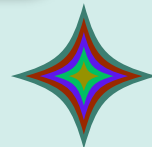
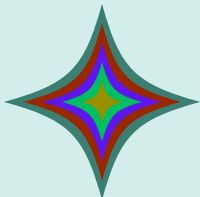
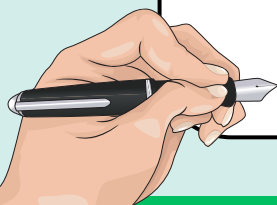
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How can we protect her from the negative impacts?

Overall thoughts

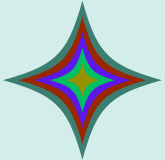
Your message to her art teacher

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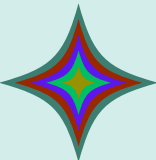


Sharing Your Decision

Once you have discussed the situation from all perspectives, it is now time to share your decision with the rest of the class. Prepare a **2-minute speech** to communicate your decision, explain the rationale behind it, and outline your plans to ensure everyone's satisfaction. Good luck!



Today, I stand before you, Aisha, at the crossroads of my future. As my high school graduation approaches, I feel the weight of both my parents' expectations and my own dreams. The desire to make my parents proud tugs at my heart, especially with their hopes of me becoming a doctor. They've painted a picture of stability, respect, and the potential to do good. Yet, in the quiet moments, my passion for fashion beckons. I lose myself in sketches, follow fashion trends, and take pride in the clothes I create. The thrill of envisioning my designs on a runway fills me with an excitement that's hard to describe. Now, with university applications looming, I'm torn. Do I pursue medicine to honour my parents' wishes, or do I chase the dream that sets my soul alight, even if it's met with uncertainty and potential misunderstandings?



Here are five simple steps on delivering a good speech:

Prepare: Choose a topic you're interested in and gather information. Create an outline with key points and practice speaking it out loud.

Grab attention: Start with an engaging opening, such as a fun fact or thought-provoking question.

Speak clearly and confidently: Use a clear and expressive tone, maintain eye contact, and speak at a moderate pace.

Use visual aids or props (if needed): Enhance your speech with pictures or objects that support your points.

End memorably: Summarize your main points and leave the audience with a memorable conclusion or call to action.



Cast Your Vote

Once all groups have delivered their speeches, it's time for an anonymous class vote to see the public opinion. This is like how democratic nations vote in new leaders or make decisions on how the country should be run. This is your chance to use your voice to make a difference and save the world.

Although this scenario is fictional, one day you will be asked to cast your vote on a real issue that will affect people you have never met. This week, we will practice these essential skills.

As a class, write your decision on a piece of paper, and after everyone has voted, tally the totals and announce the decision to the class. Everyone deserves a voice, and this is your chance to use yours.

Your Voice Matters!

Once everyone has had a chance to speak and listen, it is then time to cast your vote!



Count the votes and discuss the decision that your class has decided upon!

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