

Social Scenario #5

Fashion or Family?

'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!