

How to Make a Decision



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IDENTIFY THE PROBLEM

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CREATE ALTERNATIVES



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EVALUATE THE ALTERNATIVES

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DECIDE ON THE BEST SOLUTION

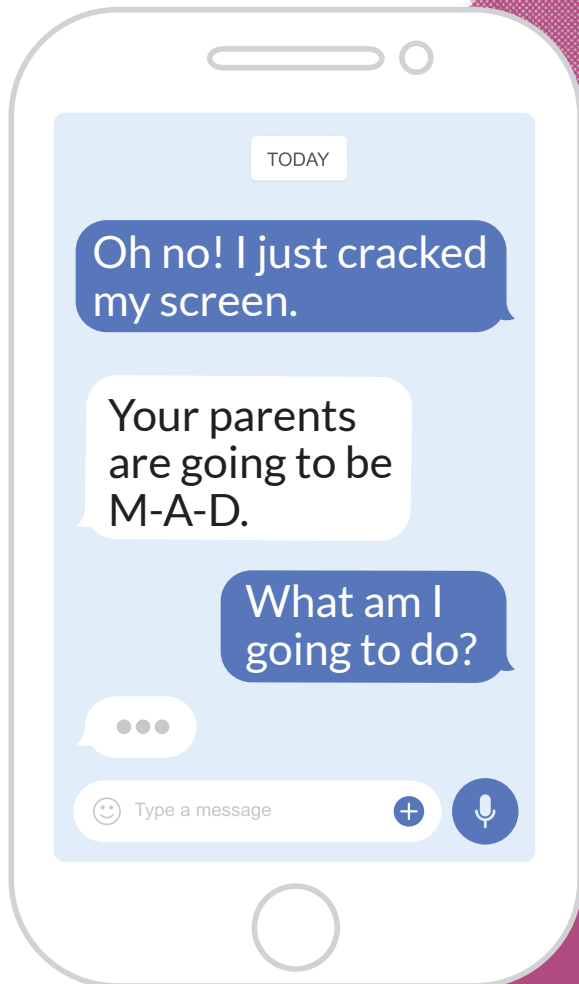


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Identify the problem

Tough Problem

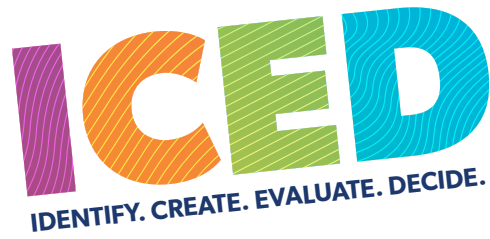


Create alternatives.



What Else Can I Do?

1. Develop a list of household chores to work off the cost.
2. Find odd jobs and pay for it myself.
3. Tell my parents and ask them what they think I should do.



Evaluate the alternatives.

1. Develop a list of household chores to work off the cost.

Pros: My parents will like that I'm doing more. I won't have to face them with no plan.

Cons: I'll have to deal with more work at home.

2. Find odd jobs and pay for it myself.

Pros: I won't have to ask for help. I'll be able to manage it myself.

Cons: I'll have to find the work. I might not get my phone back for a while.

3. Tell my parents and ask them what they think I should do.

Pros: Maybe they won't make me pay for it.

Cons: They will yell at me. They won't trust me anymore.



Decide on the Best Solution

Once you've made a decision,
stick to it.

Find odd jobs and pay for it myself

- ✓ babysitting
- ✓ cleaning out garage
- ✓ lawn mowing

\$5 per hour x 20 hours = \$100
for repair





TEACHER TIP:
Use these as writing prompts or for small group discussion.

10 Tough Decisions

What would you do?

1. You got invited to a party, but your best friend was left out on purpose.

2. You have a huge project due Monday. Your best friend just asked you to go camping all weekend, but you haven't finished your assignment.

3. You have to bring home a letter from your teacher about a bad grade, which needs to be signed by a parent; you consider forging the signature.

4. You arrive early one morning at school to see someone getting shoved and bullied by a few other students.

5. You are at the mall with your friend. Your friend picks up a really cool shirt and quickly stuffs it into her book bag.

6. Your friends start smoking, which they think makes them "grown up."

7. Someone in your class cheated on a test. You know for a fact that they did. You received a D.

8. You see a pair of wireless headphones in the lunchroom. No one is there. You asked for some for Christmas but didn't get them.

9. Your friend does not have enough money to go to the movies and wants you both to sneak in without paying.

10. You break a chair at school while rocking in it. Nobody sees you do it.
