

Reading

Match paragraphs A–C to questions 1–4. There is one paragraph that fits two questions.

In which paragraph does the author mention ...

- 1 a solution he/she adopted in conjunction with several other people?
- 2 a decision he/she made after considering another person's feelings?
- 3 a dilemma which required no further action for it to be solved?
- 4 a situation that affected him/her personally

THREE MORAL DILEMMAS

A Tracey, 16

Something weird happened to me on my last birthday. My friend Gina gave me this really expensive leather bag. Gina isn't my best friend or anything, so the bag was completely over-the-top. My mum solved the mystery when I showed it to her. She told me that Gina's mum had given Gina the bag – I guess she didn't like it, so she gave it to me! I was really annoyed when I found out, and I thought about telling everyone what she'd done. Then I decided to sleep on it and see how I felt the next day. In the end, I didn't say anything. Gina probably had her reasons for giving me the bag, and if I told everyone, it would be really embarrassing for her.

B Ollie,

Last year, my friend Rob suddenly stopped going around with us. At first, I was hurt, but then I saw him with a gang of troublemakers, and I began to worry about him. I didn't know what to do, so I asked one of my teachers for advice. She helped me get the full picture. Rob was having family problems, his marks were going down, and he was missing school. She suggested that my friends and I should meet Rob after school as if nothing had happened, and then make sure that one of us was with him all the time. From then on, we didn't let Rob out of our sight. He stopped hanging out with the gang, and everything soon went back to normal.

C Lily, 17

Last term, our new art teacher organised an exhibition of our work in the main hall of the school. All the students and teachers agreed that Rachel Avery's picture was the best one in the exhibition. The thing is, Rachel isn't very good at art, but her sister is brilliant. I was fairly sure that Rachel's sister had painted the picture, not Rachel. When I asked my friend Mikey if I should tell the teacher, he told me not to rush into anything. He said that the teacher would realise soon enough that Rachel hadn't painted the picture herself. Of course, he was right. The next time we had to paint a picture, we did it in class. The teacher wasn't happy when he saw Rachel's work!