

## **Title: "The Dilemma of Stealing Medicine"**

### **1. Warm-up**

Consider the following question: "What do you think is most important when faced with an ethical dilemma - doing what is right or doing what is necessary to help someone in need?"

### **2. Vocabulary**

1. To pride oneself	A) recently acquired or discovered
2. To face a situation	B) to rid oneself of guilt
3. To make ends meet	C) to be indecisive or uncertain
4. To stumble upon	D) to tolerate or endure something
5. To break in	E) to feel pride of oneself
6. To waver	F) to not follow through with something
7. To bear something	G) to have enough money to pay for basic expenses
8. Not to go through	H) to enter a building or vehicle unlawfully
9. To feel shaken	I) to feel distressed or disturbed
10. To shake the guilt	J) to encounter or be confronted with a situation
11. A newfound	K) to accidentally find or discover

### **3. Pronunciation**

1. To pride oneself - [praɪd self]
2. To face a situation - [feɪs ə sitʃu'eɪʃn]
3. To make ends meet - [meɪk əndz mi:t]
4. To stumble upon - [stʌmbl əp'ɒn]
5. To break in - [breɪk ɪn]
6. To waver - ['weɪvə]
7. To bear something - [beər sʌmθɪŋ]
8. Not to go through - [nɒt tu: gu: θru:]
9. To feel shaken - [fi:l seɪk(ə)n]
10. To shake the guilt - [seɪk ði gɪlt]
11. A newfound - [ə nju:fənd]

#### 4. Gap-fill exercise

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ on my honesty and integrity, and I never want to do anything that would jeopardize that.
2. He was caught trying to \_\_\_\_\_ into the museum after hours.
3. She has a \_\_\_\_\_ interest in cooking and has been trying out new recipes every week.
4. When she saw the accident, she knew she had to \_\_\_\_\_ the situation and call for help.
5. After thinking about it, I decided \_\_\_\_\_ with the plan to go skydiving. It was too risky.
6. It's been tough trying to \_\_\_\_\_ this month. I barely have enough money to pay my rent and bills.
7. She \_\_\_\_\_ when asked if she wanted to go to the movies or stay home. She couldn't decide.
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ the guilt of lying to his parents and decided to confess.
9. I was just out for a walk and I \_\_\_\_\_ this great little bookstore. I had no idea it was there!
10. He \_\_\_\_\_ the pain of his injury and continued to play through the game.
11. The news of her mother's death left her \_\_\_\_\_ and upset.

#### 5. Reading text

As a high school student, Sarah had always been an honest and responsible person. She **prided herself** on her strong moral values and always tried to do the right thing, even when it wasn't easy. However, one day Sarah found herself **facing** a difficult ethical dilemma that tested her values to the limit.

Sarah's little brother, Tim, had been diagnosed with a serious illness and needed expensive medication to survive. Unfortunately, Sarah's family couldn't afford the high cost of the medicine and they were struggling **to make ends meet**.

Desperate to save her brother, Sarah began to consider options that she would normally never consider. One night, while out with a group of friends, they **stumbled upon** a pharmacy that was closed for the night. One of her friends suggested that they **break in** and steal the medicine that Tim needed.

Sarah was shocked and immediately rejected the idea, but as the night went on and they continued to discuss the options, she found herself **wavering**. She knew that stealing was wrong, but she also **couldn't bear** the thought of her brother suffering or even dying because they couldn't afford his medication.

The group ultimately decided **not to go through** with the plan, but the experience left Sarah **feeling shaken** and confused. She **couldn't shake the guilt** of even considering such a risky and unethical action, but at the same time, she couldn't ignore her brother's needs.

In the end, Sarah's family was able to find assistance through a local charity and Tim was able to get the medication he needed. However, the experience left Sarah with **a newfound** appreciation for the complex and sometimes difficult ethical dilemmas that people can face in their lives.

### **5. True or false statements**

1. Sarah was initially opposed to the idea of stealing medicine, but ultimately decided to go through with the plan in order to save her brother.
2. Sarah's family was struggling to make ends meet and could not afford the high cost of Tim's medication, which is why Sarah considered stealing.
3. Sarah and her friends broke into a pharmacy and stole the medication, but were caught and arrested by the police.
4. Sarah ultimately decided not to steal the medicine, but she still feels guilty for even considering such an unethical action.
5. Sarah's family was able to find assistance through a local charity, but it came at a steep price and they are still struggling financially.
6. The experience left Sarah with a newfound understanding of the complex ethical dilemmas that people can face in their lives.
7. Sarah's family was able to find assistance through the government or insurance, which helped to cover the cost of Tim's medication.
8. Sarah's brother, Tim, made a full recovery thanks to the medication he received.
9. Sarah learned that it is always important to consider the long-term consequences of our actions and to try to find solutions that align with our values and beliefs.
10. Sarah's friends were not supportive of her decision not to steal the medicine and pressured her to go through with the plan.

### **6. Discussion Questions**

1. What was the ethical dilemma that Sarah faced in the story?
2. Why did Sarah's family struggle to afford the medicine that Tim needed?
3. What options did Sarah consider in order to obtain the medicine for her brother?
4. What were the potential consequences of stealing the medicine?
5. How did Sarah ultimately decide to handle the situation?
6. What were the potential consequences of not stealing the medicine?

7. How did Sarah's family ultimately obtain the medicine for Tim?
8. How did the experience of facing this ethical dilemma impact Sarah's moral values?
9. How did Sarah's friends react to the suggestion of stealing the medicine?
10. What could Sarah have done differently to address the situation without resorting to unethical behavior?
11. How did Tim's illness affect his daily life and the life of his family?
12. How did Sarah's parents respond to the suggestion of stealing the medicine?
13. Was Sarah's decision to steal the medicine influenced by any external factors or pressures?
14. How did Sarah's group of friends come up with the idea of stealing the medicine?
15. How did Sarah feel about her decision not to steal the medicine in the end?
16. Were there any other options that Sarah could have considered to obtain the medicine for her brother?
17. How did Sarah's family handle the financial burden of Tim's illness before finding assistance from the charity?
18. How did Sarah's family react to finding assistance from the charity?
19. Were there any long-term impacts on Sarah's family as a result of Tim's illness and the struggle to afford his medication?
20. Could this ethical dilemma have been avoided if Sarah's family had access to affordable healthcare?