

# Integrity Scenarios

Scenario #1:

Cassie always makes a point to tell everyone that they can share with her because she believes in confidentiality. She has proven to be true to her word over time. When Erika, at age 15, discovers she's pregnant, she has to talk to someone. She knows she can trust Cassie, so she finally decides to confide in her. Through tears, Erika shares her news. Cassie advises Erika to tell her mother because this is too big to keep to herself. But Erika says she can handle this on her own. Cassie sees the school counselor the next day and shares Erika's story.

Is Cassie being true to herself and others? Explain your thinking.

Scenario #2:

Jordan has been raised to "honor his father and mother." He has observed other teenagers talk back or yell at their parents, and he's very uncomfortable in those situations. He sees the rift that grows in families when respect for parents isn't observed. Last Tuesday, Jordan received an invitation, along with the entire tennis team, to spend the weekend at Martin's house. They'll watch the national tennis tournament on TV, have plenty of food, and have their own ping-pong tournament. The team has been talking about this possible weekend for several months and Jordan has talked about the possibility with his parents along the way, so he's shocked when his parents say, "No, you can't spend the weekend!" Jordan pleads; Jordan questions; Jordan promises to give up another weekend outing, if he can just do this one. In frustration, Jordan loses his "cool," yells at his dad and mom, stomps out of the house, and slams the door.

Is he being true to himself and others?

Are his parents demonstrating integrity? Explain your thinking.



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Scenario #3:

Alicia and Sara are best friends who have practiced and practiced learning all of the cheers and all of the movements in anticipation of trying out for the cheerleading squad. They've made a pact that both will be on the squad or neither of them will.

"We're in this together," they agreed. The day after tryouts the panel of judges announces the new cheerleading squad. Sara has made it! Alicia has not. Sara has second thoughts about "their pact." She joins the squad.

Is Sara being true to herself and others? To Alicia? To the squad? Explain your thinking.

Scenario #4:

Connor, one of the leading scorers on the basketball team, has gotten himself in trouble academically. If he doesn't score well on his semester finals, his basketball playing will end for 6 weeks—the major part of the season. He must get a C or better on all of his midterm exams. Connor's parents know his ability and believe he can do well on the exams if he studies. Even his teachers are behind him and have given him specific sheets to study for the tests. Tuesday is the first exam, so Connor hits the books on Monday night. Wednesday, he has both English and algebra exams, so he reviews his algebra tests and the study sheets and scans the literature text. Thursday, he has his physical education exam, which he knows he'll ace. On Thursday morning, he learns his first three test scores...all B's! Tomorrow is the science test, which he dreads most. On Thursday, just after lunch, Kevin races to him and announces that his dad has just gotten tickets to the pro-team game tonight. It's the best one of the season. The team that Connor and Kevin love to hate is playing their favorite team for the top spot in the conference. In the moment of excitement, Connor agrees to go to the game. He's already made good grades, and he can study an hour before class tomorrow. He ought to be fine, he thinks.

Is Connor being true to himself? To others? Explain your thinking.

