

Scenarios

Scenario #1

Josie and Karen planned to meet for lunch at 12:00 on Saturday. Josie arrives at the restaurant at 11:55 and waits until 12:10 before texting Karen to see when she's coming. Karen doesn't respond, so Josie tries again at 12:20. At 12:25, Josie gets a text from Karen saying that Mark asked her to go to the gym with him, so she's sorry, but she can't meet Josie for lunch.

1. What is Josie's reply?
2. What is Karen's next response?
3. What could Karen have said or done to be more responsible?
4. What might be a consequence to their friendship for Karen's failing to come to lunch?

Scenario #2:

The math teacher, Mr. Sharp, and Ryan's mother, Mrs. Helsinki, have been "harassing" Ryan about failing to turn in his daily homework. Mrs. Helsinki watches Ryan do it at home, but Ryan either forgets to put it in his backpack to take to school or he doesn't take it out of his backpack and turn it in. Mrs. Helsinki has threatened to come to school to walk Ryan and his homework to class. Threats don't trouble Ryan.

1. As Mrs. Helsinki, what can you say to encourage Ryan to be responsible?
2. As Mr. Sharp, what can you say or do to help Ryan?
3. Whose responsibility is it to get the homework turned in? What is the natural consequence for Ryan if he doesn't turn it in?
4. Why do you think Ryan isn't turning in his homework?

Scenario #3:

The coach has asked you to run three miles per day, 7 days per week, to be ready for practice that starts in 2 weeks. Your goal is to be one of the best players on the team, so you run the three miles on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the first week. After school on Friday, your best friend tells you he has just received 2 free passes to the concert that you've both been dying to attend. You are invited! But, you must leave immediately to get dinner and travel to the concert. You go! On Saturday, you sleep in to get rested from the concert. Your mother wakes you to get your chores done before you go to the movies with friends. No running on Saturday. Sunday, you run three miles. On Monday, the coach checks with each player to verify that each player has run 3 miles every day.

1. What do you say?
2. What reasons are you using to give your answer?
3. What might be the consequences, depending on your answer?
4. Whose goal did you fail to meet?
5. Why is that the most important goal?
6. What can you do for the next week?

