# What Would You Do? Playing Cards

Print out the playing cards and cut along the dotted lines. Cut out all of cards and stack them in a pile. Whenever your young teenagers want to put their character to the test (in the car, at the dinner table, etc.), have them pick up a card. Kids can play the game with you or with their peers.

#### How to play:

Pick a card. Read the card to yourself. Identify a person to answer the first question (the challenger). Read the question out loud to the group. The person you've chosen can either respond or pass to another player (each player gets one pass per game). Listen respectfully to the challenger's response. If you think the challenger would not behave the way he claims, call a challenge and explain your objection. The challenger must then defend or amend his response. When he's done, it's his turn to pick the next card.

## **Playing tip:**

Remember to keep the deck well-shuffled. Some questions are about kid-related situations, while others ask kids to put themselves in an adult's shoes.

#### How to win:

You can't -- this is a just a conversation game!

The situations depicted on these playing cards are designed specifically for young adolescents by family therapist Carleton Kendrick.



You're a parent and you're concerned about your teenage daughter. She has seemed withdrawn this past week, and you suspect something's wrong in her social life.

While tidying up her room, you discover her diary. It's locked, but the key's attached.

What do you do? Why?



You're an eighth-grade teacher on recess duty. From a distance, you see a student filing her nails with a metal clipper that has a small knife attached. As you approach her, she quickly puts the clipper in her pocket. Your school has a zero tolerance policy against knives.

If turned in, the girl will automatically be suspended for two weeks and the police will be contacted.

## What do you do? Why?



You're a mayor who has the final say over whether a nuclear power plant will be built in your town. Unemployment in your town is very high, and this company has promised to hire many local people if allowed to build.

The reports you've read say that many of this company's nuclear plants have poor safety records.

What do you do? Why?



You're a police officer and you've just pulled someone over for speeding. After you request the driver's license and registration, he hands them to you wrapped in a hundred-dollar bill.

Then he says, "Do you need anything more from me officer? I want to cooperate in any way I can."

How do you respond? Why?

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After eating a family dinner at an expensive restaurant, your parents ask you to make sure that the bill is correct.

You discover that the waiter has undercharged your parents by \$15.

What do you do? Why?



You're CD shopping with a friend. While you're in one aisle and he's in another, you see him drop a CD into his backpack

## What do you do? Why?



Your soccer team has just scored a lastsecond goal to beat a bitter rival. But you noticed that your teammate's foot was outof-bounds when he made the winning kick.

What do you do? Why?



A good friend is struggling to keep up in math class. During a test, he whispers for you to show him your answers

What do you do? Why?



A friend of yours has bad body odor and doesn't seem to realize it. Other kids make fun of him behind his back.

Do you say something to him? To them?



You see your younger brother take \$5 out of your father's wallet – without permission. He mentioned yesterday that he didn't have enough money to buy your parents the special anniversary gift he'd been eyeing.

### What do you do?



You're babysitting for a neighbor who has told you not to invite anyone over. After you've put the kids to bed, several of your friends show up at the door – unannounced.

Do you turn them away or let them in? What do you tell the neighbor?



You're trying to sell your car through the newspaper. Your mechanic recently told you that the car will soon need a rear brake job and a new exhaust system. You've got a buyer on the hook.

Do you tell her what the mechanic said? Why, or why not?

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