

Worksheet 1.6:

Friendship Dilemmas

Scenario One

A couple you know from school is going through a bad breakup. Both are your good friends. You read a post on social media that is slugging one of them.

Scenario Two

A friend you know from school messages you privately and tells you they are annoyed because you don't seem to reply to messages or comments on their posts regularly. They don't want you as a friend anymore.

Scenario Three

You told a friend that you weren't feeling too well and didn't want to meet up with them on the weekend. On Saturday, your cousin tags you in a public photo on their profile. In the photo, you're at the shops, both laughing.

Scenario Four

You are out walking with a friend and come across a bad accident with the public, fire brigade and an ambulance at the scene. Your friend suggests crossing the street for a better view and starts taking pictures and videos of the accident uploading it to their social media. You feel uncomfortable with this as it looks like a bad accident and think this is out of order as someone could be seriously injured in this accident or worse.

Scenario Five

You discovered a friend is into a political community that doesn't fit your values and beliefs. You find some of what they're saying makes you feel really uncomfortable and you want to 'ghost' them – cut off all contact without saying anything to them.

Scenario Six

You and your best friend both go on holidays for the summer. Your holiday is fun, but when you check your friend's feed it seems like he/she's always having an amazing time and getting far more likes and comments than your posts about your trip, and you can't help feeling jealous.

Scenario Seven

Two of you are going to a big new movie on opening night. One of you gets annoyed with the other because he/she keeps texting other friends who are seeing the movie and checking the movie's hashtag on social media to see what other people are posting about it.