

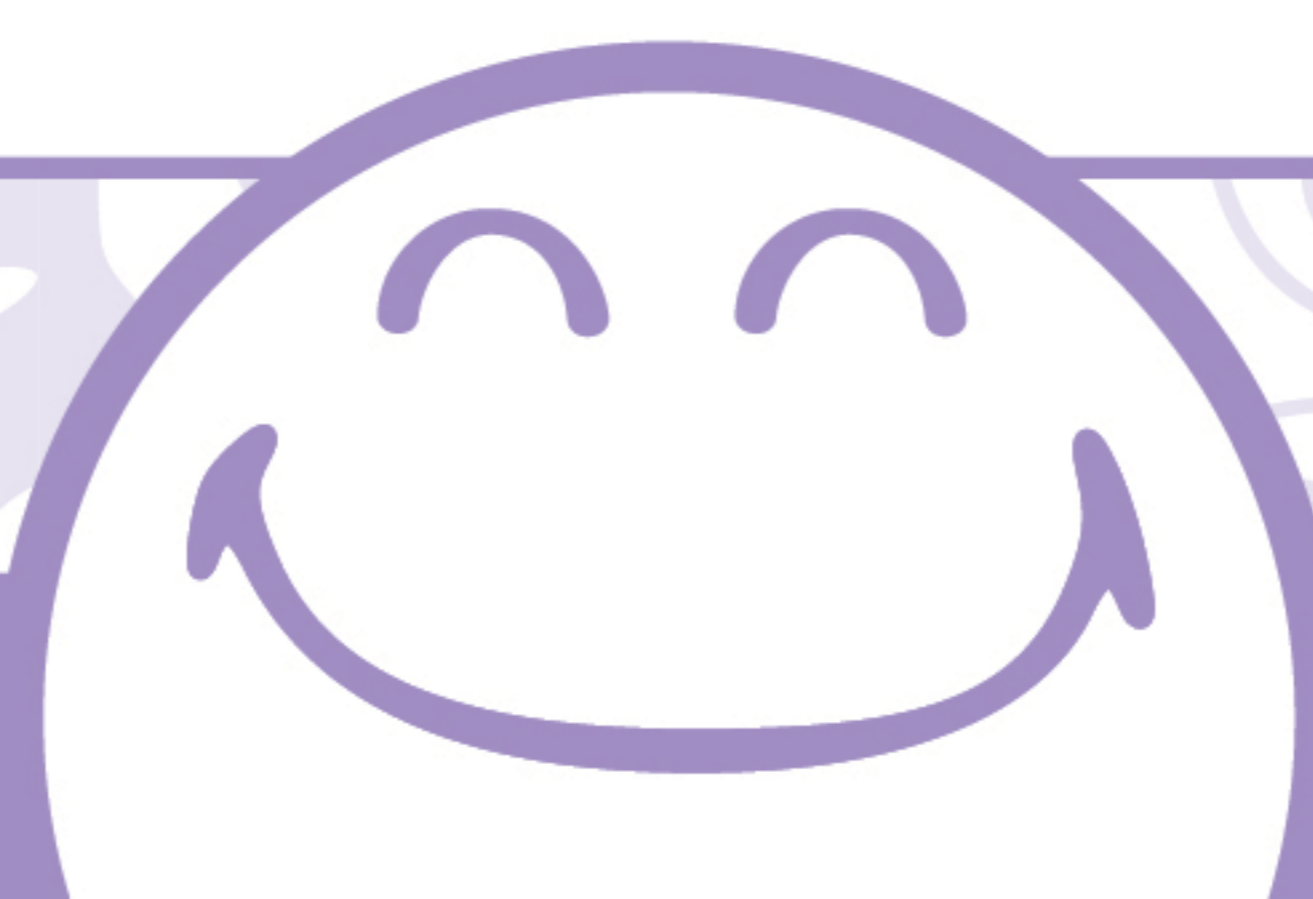
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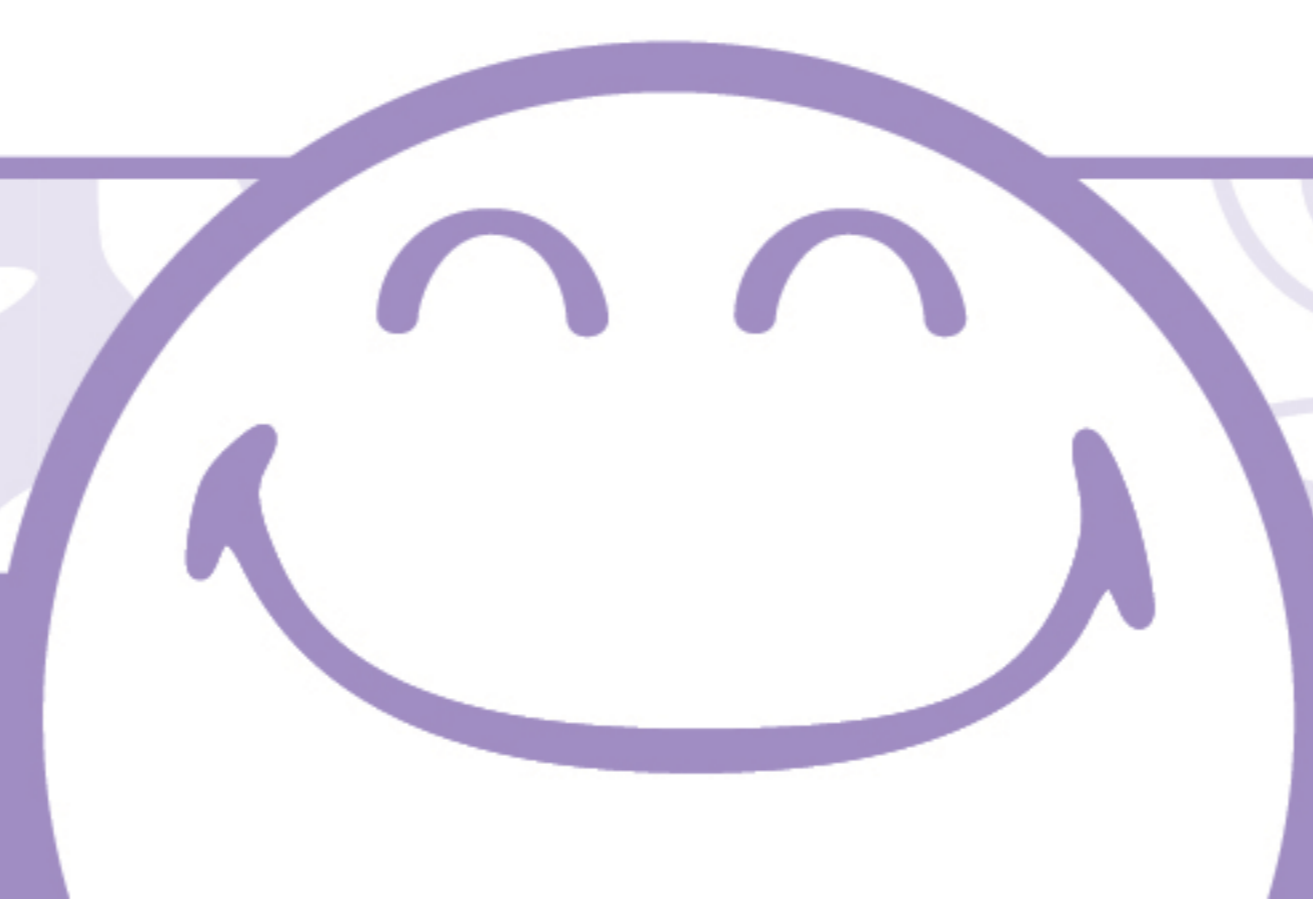
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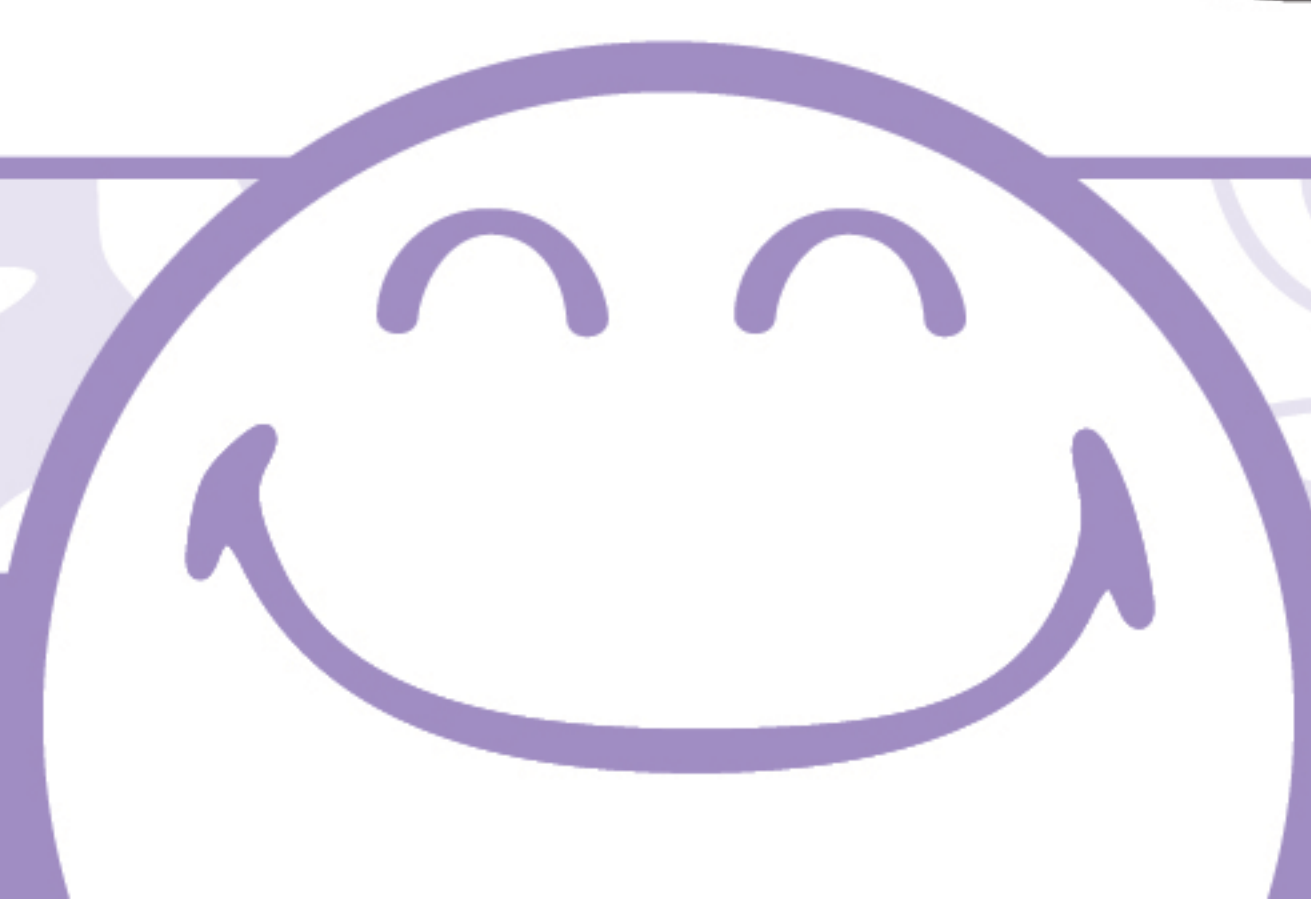
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DECISION MAKING TEMPLATE: MAKE A DECISION LEVEL 1

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Read the below questions and circle the answer that best describes how YOU would react in each situation. Be as honest as you can!

- Q1. Your best friend offers you some chocolate from a chocolate bar they have just stolen from the school cafeteria. Do you:
- a) Eat the chocolate, enjoy it, thank your friend and ask them if they can steal two bars tomorrow.
 - b) Tell a teacher.
 - c) Tell your friend that stealing is bad and they shouldn't do it again and you won't eat it.
 - d) Something else.
- Q2. You've accidentally run over a puppy on your scooter and it has an injured paw. Do you:
- a) Scoot away as fast as you can and hope no one else sees you.
 - b) Look at the dog's collar and try to find the puppy's owner so you can explain and apologise.
 - c) Try to fix the puppy's paw yourself by bandaging it up before scooting away.
 - d) Something else.
- Q3. During art class, you accidentally spill paint down the back of the school bully's white shirt. No one saw you do it. He thinks the spill was done by someone who recently called you names. Do you:
- a) Let the other person take the blame - it's only fair after they were mean to you.
 - b) Tell a teacher that there's an argument over someone spilling paint but don't say it was you.
 - c) Tell the school bully that you spilled the paint by accident, apologise and offer to fix it by cleaning their shirt.
 - d) Something else.
- Q4. You see a large group of older pupils picking on a kid you know doesn't speak English very well. Do you:
- a) Walk away - you don't want them to pick on you next.
 - b) Tell a teacher or adult.
 - c) Go up to the group, start talking to the person being picked on. Pretend you're good friends and lead them away from the group. When the group starts calling you names, you tell them to stop being mean or you'll tell a teacher.
 - d) Something else.
- Q5. Your younger sister got into a fight and is covered in bruises. Do you:
- a) Demand to know who hit her and search the school to hit them back.
 - b) Tell your sister not to get into fights and to go to a teacher if it happens again.
 - c) Speak to your sister to find out what happened and offer her your support.
 - d) Something else.
- Q6. You promised your best friend that you would watch them in the school play but just before the performance you're not feeling well and are worried you might make other people ill. Do you:
- a) Take some cough sweets to the school play and go anyway because it's probably alright.
 - b) Send a message to your friend to say you're sorry you can't go because you're ill and wish them luck.
 - c) Stay at home and ask someone who is going to record the performance so you can watch it back together with your friend when you're well again.
 - d) Something else.



DECISION STORY

Write a story about a character who makes a responsible choice when faced with a difficult decision. Help the reader understand the situation. Describe why the decision is difficult. The questions below will help you work out your story. If you get stuck, think of a difficult decision you've made in your own life. Explain how your character reached their decision and the result of their choice.

Who is your main character?

Where do they live? What is their world like?

What difficult decision do they need to make?

Why is it a difficult choice?

How do they make their decision?

What happens before the decision?

What happens after the decision?

How can you show the reader of your story that it's a difficult decision?

Now write a story using the details above and show how your main character made a good decision.



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Answer the numbered questions in the spaces provided.

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