

A Difficult Situation

Read the letter below describing a problem. Then work with your group to first find all the facts of the problem. Finally, discuss what you think Adam should do.

Dear Problem Lady

I have a problem. I work as a manager at a very nice restaurant. The other manager, Steve, is a really nice guy. We joke around at work a lot. And we even hang out a lot outside work. I also know that he's having a hard time right now. His dad got sick last year. So now, Steve has to take care of him. Steve spends all his money on doctors' bills and medicine for his dad. On top of that Steve has two kids to take care of. His wife has an ok job, but it's still not enough.

The thing is, I think Steve has been stealing from the restaurant. I always see him going home with boxes of food. Look, we all take some leftovers home from time to time. And the chef sometimes makes us food to take home, like on the holidays or if he's making something really special. But Steve goes home every day with something in his bag. I asked him about and he acted really weird.

And it's not just meals. I saw him in the pantry the other day, pulling out bags of flour and sugar and putting them in a cardboard box. After work, I saw him putting that cardboard box in his car. So now he's stealing food supplies too. I don't want to lose him as a friend. And I know that he isn't stealing because he's greedy. He really needs the help to feed his family. But stealing is wrong. And he's stealing food now, but what if he starts stealing money? And he could get into a lot of trouble if he gets caught.

What should I do?

Sincerely,

Adam