

# What Would You Do, If ...

- Your best friend smelled bad?
- You met an alien?
- You became president?
- You were bitten by a zombie?
- You could teleport anywhere in the world?

The 81 dilemmas touch on everyday situations, ethical questions, topical issues, and even fantasy! Designed to work for a variety of ages and levels, each situation goes beyond the typical WWYD questions with ways to scaffold and extend the conversation.

## Suggested Solutions

*Get someone else to tell them they smell?*

## Variations

*What if your smelly friend was your secret crush?*

*Does it matter if it's a boy or a girl?*

## Further Discussion/Writing Topics

*Have you ever been in this kind of situation before?*

*Is good hygiene important to you?*

Plus 16 activities and games that work with all the situations to keep the conversation going!

## Advance Praise

The situations . . . provide both scaffolding and expansion to really take it to the next level. A great resource.

Andrew Lawrence, ESL Professor, Concordia University

I loved how both the stories and the accompanying questions are designed to appeal to real life and imaginary experiences

Catherine Noble, MA TESOL

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

### 81 Philosophical Dilemmas for Discussion & Expansion

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# 16. Information Download

## The Situation:

A new company is selling information in a very special way — downloading it straight into your brain! A new language, social skills, a martial art: it's possible to learn almost anything instantly! You were lucky to be gifted with the very expensive opportunity to choose one type of information to have downloaded directly into your mind.

So, what do you want to learn?

## The Dilemma:

What kind of information would you like to learn instantly?



### 1. What Would You Do?

- a. choose to download directly into your brain one of the following:
  - i. a new language?
  - ii. better social skills?
  - iii. a martial arts skill?
  - iv. computer or other business skills?
  - v. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Give or sell the gift coupon to someone else?
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Variables: How would it change the situation if...

- a. you are trying to get into a great college?
- b. you want to get a great or high-paying job?
- c. the skill or information only lasted 1 week?
- d. you could alter your personality?
- e. you could add, change, or delete memories?
- f. you are very weak and not good at protecting yourself?
- g. \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Expansion Activities for Discussion and Writing

- a. Do you think downloading information to the brain could ever be possible? Why or why not?
- b. Is it important to study to learn something new on your own? Do you considering downloading information straight to the brain cheating?
- c. Write a short essay or discuss your answer to one of the following questions:
  - i. The process of studying or working hard to learn something is more important that what you learn.
  - ii. Many people study too much when they should be other things that are more important.