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Grade 8
Learning Activity
Abuse Scenarios

Learning Outcome

W-8.7 Determine the signs, methods and consequences of various types of abuse; for example, neglect, physical, emotional, sexual abuse.



Read the scenarios below. Use your knowledge on abuse to answer the questions that follow.

Peyton

Peyton is in grade eight. A year ago, Peyton started seeing Jordan, who is 17 and lives alone. A few months ago, Jordan began pressuring Peyton to have sex. Peyton wasn't sure, but Jordan said, "If you loved me, you would want to have sex." Last week, Peyton decided to go ahead and do it.

Now Peyton is not sure they did the right thing because Jordan wants to have sex all the time. Jordan never wants to hang out with friends anymore but instead tells Peyton to come over to the apartment. Peyton knows Jordan expects sex whenever they are together.

Peyton is afraid to talk to anyone about this because Peyton's family and friends have never really liked Jordan. Peyton lies to their parent and says they are going out with friends when they are really going to Jordan's place. Peyton loves Jordan and doesn't want to hear people say negative things.

1. What type of abuse is this? Explain.

2. How do you think Peyton feels? Explain.

3. Does Jordan have the right to treat Peyton this way? Why or why not?

4. What advice would you give Peyton?



Vidya & Parker

Vidya went to Parker's house for a birthday party. There was pizza and cake, and they watched scary movies late into the night.

During the party, Parker's dad opened a bottle of wine and offered it to the kids. Everyone said, "no thanks." Later, when they were watching a movie, Parker's dad kept coming into the room to get more alcohol from the cabinet. Parker asked, "Dad, can you please stop interrupting the movie." He slapped Parker, pushed them and yelled at all the kids to leave him alone.

Vidya was upset for Parker. When they talked the next day, the conversation revealed that Parker's dad always gets a bit mean when he's been drinking.

1. What type of abuse is this? Explain.

2. How do you think Vidya feels? How do you think Parker feels? Explain.

3. Does Parker's dad have the right to treat Parker this way? Why or why not?

4. What advice would you give Vidya? Parker?



Joey

Joey lives with their mom, and they move around a lot. Most of the time, Joey's mom has a boyfriend but they never last. Each time a new boyfriend comes over, Joey's mom asks Joey to stay in their room. After each relationship ends, Joey's mom lays on the couch and cries in front of the TV all day and all night for weeks.

Because Joey's mom is like this, Joey tries to pick up odd jobs to help with rent and groceries. This causes a lot of missed school. Sometimes Joey's mom isn't able to pay the rent, so they have to move a lot. This means Joey is always starting at a new school.

Paying attention in class and doing homework isn't difficult, and Joey usually has a pretty good average. Still, sometimes it's stressful, and sleeping in leads to even more missed time at school.

Joey is beginning to think about quitting school, moving out and getting a full-time job.

1. What type of abuse is this? Explain.

2. How do you think Joey feels? Explain.

3. Does Joey's mom have the right to treat Joey this way? Why or why not?

4. What advice would you give Joey?



Emerson

Emerson is a straight A student. School doesn't always come easy, but Emerson works hard to make sure that assignments are done to perfection and that they are totally ready for any test. Emerson is on the honour roll, secretary of the student council, a member of the school band and on the basketball team. Emerson seems to like everyone, and everyone seems to like Emerson. At school, it looks as if Emerson has a perfect life.

Things are very different at home. No matter grades, awards won or success with activities, Emerson's parents are never satisfied. They call Emerson stupid for any grades less than 90%. After a band concert or basketball game, they spend the entire car ride home criticizing Emerson's performance and suggesting how they could have done better. During the school year, Emerson must come right home after school and spend the entire night working. If Emerson is over fifteen minutes late, they aren't allowed to eat supper.

Sometimes, Emerson thinks it would be easier if life could just stop.

1. What type of abuse is this? Explain.

2. How do you think Emerson feels? Explain.

3. Do Emerson's parents have the right to treat them this way? Why or why not?

4. What advice would you give Emerson?



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