

## Try your hand

## Use the decision-making steps below to answer the questions.

**Step 1:** Identify your options

Step 2: Analyze each option

## **Step 3:** Make a decision and put it into action

Step 4: Reflect on your decision

- A classmate of yours who is in the "cool crowd" tells you that he and some of his friends have been sending texts to a boy who stutters and is overweight. (He says the texts are just "funny," but this boy is teased a lot at school and you suspect the text messages are probably mean.) He invites you to get in on the fun and send a message, too. What would you do?
- 2. You are on the school basketball team. You have been sick with the flu and should stay home from school, but if you do you will miss basketball practice again, and you will not be allowed to play in Friday's big game. What should you do?
- 3. It is a beautiful day outside, but you are inside working on a school project with a friend. While searching the Internet, your friend finds a project very similar to the project you have been assigned, and suggests you copy some of it. Copying the information would save you a lot of time, which means you could go outside and play, but you feel unsure about using it – even if it is on the Internet for everyone to read. What should you do?
- 1.

Write about this on the back of this paper.

Going further

Interview a parent or another adult. Ask them to tell you about a time when they faced a difficult ethical decision. Do they feel like they made the right decision? Why or why not?