

YOU CHOOSE

We make many choices every day, from the moment we wake up to the moment we go to bed. Some choices we face are minor and others more significant. Making good decisions requires practice and learning from both our successes and our mistakes. Here are some scenarios for you to work through and answer.

1. You have been offered an electrical apprenticeship with a great company. Your employer tells you that your first year will involve six weeks in Melbourne and four weeks in Wellington. You live in Auckland. Your girl/boyfriend of two years tells you that if you leave them for ten weeks, they will dump you. What do you do?

2. You're keen to work at the local bakery. Although you're not sure you've got the right experience, you've managed to score an interview with the owner.

The interview is at 4.30pm on a Friday. Your mates are planning a road trip that day and are leaving at 4.00pm. You're keen to go with them.

What do you do?



3. Your phone is ringing. You don't recognise the number. None of your family or friends ever ring; they all just text. Your mind races, trying to think of who it might be. You did apply for a job recently ... However unlikely, it could be the employer ringing to offer you an interview. Or maybe it's the police, calling to talk to you about your mate who got into trouble last week at the rugby game. You'd take the call if it was about a job interview, but you don't want to talk to the police. What do you do?

4. You recently bought a new car. It's your pride and joy. Your friend, who just has her restricted licence, has asked you if she can borrow it.

You recall that your friend can get a bit distracted when she's driving; like you've seen her text while driving.

She's being really insistent about it, though. She says she needs to be able to drive herself to a job interview.

What do you do?



5. You want to buy a smart TV for your flat. You're pretty stretched financially, but the salesman says you can pay it off over the next three years. The interest rate is 18%.

You already have a TV, but it's old and you can't get Netflix on it.

What do you do?



6. It's your friend's 21st birthday today. You asked your boss at KFC for some time off so you can celebrate with your friend, but they said you'd left it too late and insisted you work your shift, which doesn't finish until 11pm. What do you do?

7. You put a dent in the back door of the work van while out doing a delivery earlier today.

You did the same thing three weeks ago when you were backing up too quickly to do your drop off.

Last time, you got off with a warning. What do you do this time?



8. You live in Riccarton. You work at a shop that's just a 10-minute walk down the road. However, you've just been offered a promotion that will mean having to bus into the city to work at the Christchurch CBD branch instead. You're not used to catching the bus, and you don't know anyone at the CBD shop. What do you do?

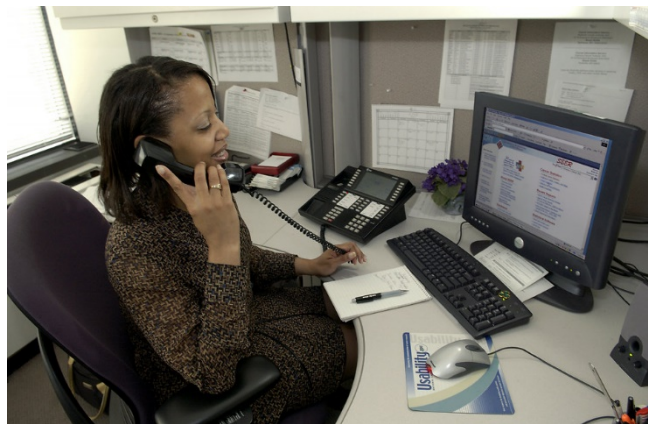


9. You have been asked to reduce your hours because the business you work for is struggling to stay operating. The reduced hours will make it difficult for you to cover all your costs. What do you think your choices are?

10. You've been working as an admin person at the same business for the past three years now. It was your first job, and the company's been very kind and generous to you.

Recently you were approached by your company's main competitor. They've offered you a job with a 20% pay rise.

What do you do?



Discuss your answers with a parent / coach / friend and get their thoughts on your choices.

- How easy was it to make your choices?
- Do you think you are making better choices as you get older?
- Which of the questions did you find the hardest to answer?
- Which were the easiest to answer?
- What advice would you give to a young brother or sister about how to make good choices?