

Compromise Scenarios

Scenario 1

Brook's boyfriend Jake has told her that he will leave her if she does not have sex with him.

She does not want to have sex with him but she doesn't want to lose him either.

What does your group think she should do?

Scenario 2

Callum has asked his girlfriend, Suzie, what she would like for her birthday. He says that he has £5 to spend on her. She was very happy about this.

Suzie's best friend Lauren, says that this is a 'mean offer' and that Suzie should ask for more as everyone will laugh at her if she accepts.

Why has Suzie's best friend said this? Does your group see any problem here? If so what, and how can it be resolved?

Scenario 3

Charlie told her boyfriend Jake that if he went to the football match on Saturday she would finish with him.

He doesn't want to lose her but he cannot see why the football match causes a problem.

Does your group think that it is a problem – what should they both do?

Scenario 4

Chloe is upset because Jason, her boyfriend's best mate, teased her about having sex with Paul.

He said that Paul had told him Chloe was rubbish at 'it', Jason started laughing when he saw how annoyed and upset Chloe was by his remark.

Why does your group think that Jason told Chloe this, and what should Chloe do about it?

Scenario 5

Jaz wanted to go to a party but his girlfriend wanted to go to the cinema. They talked about it and decided to go to the party that night and the cinema on Tuesday night.

What does your group think about this?

Scenario 6

Kiran agreed to have sex with her boyfriend if they used a condom. Jack told her he would be careful and make sure she wouldn't get pregnant. They had sex and didn't use a condom.

What does your group think about this situation?

Was Jack sensible to say "he would make sure she didn't get pregnant"?

Was Kiran right to believe him?

Why does your group think she said yes?

What should they both have done before having sex?

Scenario 7

Troy and Holly had a big argument and he walked out and left her at home. Two days later they made up, now they are friends again.

Does your group think that Troy's behaviour is something for Holly to worry about?

What should they do now they are friends to try to stop it happening again?

Scenario 8

Josh told his girlfriend that he was going to play football with his mates and she started shouting, hitting and kicking him. She has done this to him before.

How does your group feel about this?

What should Josh do about it, he likes his girlfriend?

Scenario 9

Chantelle told her best friend, Anita, if she didn't want to lose her boyfriend, James, she should have sex with him.

Chantelle also said everyone else was 'doing it' and Anita was just being silly for not having sex with James.

Do you think that Anita has the right to tell Chantelle that she needs to have sex with James just to keep him?

Why do you think Anita may have said these things?

What could happen if Chantelle has sex with her boyfriend?

Is having sex with someone a good way to keep them?

Facilitator Notes:

Scenario 1

Brook's boyfriend has told her that he will leave her if she does not have sex with him.

She does not want to have sex with him but she doesn't want to lose him either.

What does your group think she should do?

Suggestions:

- She should not have sex just to keep him.
- Having sex will not and never does stop someone from leaving a relationship.
- It does not seem like a good relationship if it is only to be built on sex.
- The decision has to be Brook's and she would need to understand that saying yes as well as no means that she could still lose her boyfriend.
- If she decides to say yes then she needs to sort out her own
- contraception first and then discuss and insist upon the use of condoms.
- Sex carries responsibilities.

Scenario 2

Callum has asked his girlfriend, Suzie, what she would like for her birthday. He says that he has £5 to spend on her. She was very happy about this. Suzie's best friend, Lauren, says that this is a mean offer and that Suzie should ask for more as everyone will laugh at her if she accepts.

Why has Suzie's best friend said this? Does your group see any problem here, if so what, and how can it be resolved?

Suggestions:

- How would everyone know it was only £5?
- Lauren would need to tell everyone.
- Lauren may be very jealous of the relationship and wants to interfere to split them up.
- Callum and his girlfriend seem happy with their decisions and Lauren has no right to interfere, especially as there is not a problem.
- Suzie should take no notice of Lauren and be happy with the present that she will receive from Callum.
- Callum may have saved hard to get this amount of money and Suzie may like him all the more because of it. Not everyone has a part time job or lots of pocket money.

Scenario 3

Charlie told her boyfriend Jake that if he went to the football match on Saturday she would finish with him.

He doesn't want to lose her but he cannot see why the football match causes a problem.

Does your group think that it is a problem – what should they both do?

Suggestions:

- This should not be seen as a problem, Jake is right.
- Being in a relationship should never mean the ending of other friendships and hobbies.
- If there is trust in the relationship this should not be a problem for Charlie.
- Separating one's partner from outside friends and hobbies could be the start of abuse within a relationship. One partner becomes stronger when there are no outside influences to interfere i.e. to give sensible advice to the other partner and to see the negative side of a relationship.
- Jake should go to the football match and if Charlie still does not accept it then he should finish with her.

Scenario 4

Chloe is upset because Jason, her boyfriend's best mate, teased her about having sex with Paul. He said that Paul had told him Chloe was rubbish at 'it', Jason started laughing when he saw how annoyed and upset Chloe was by his remark. Why does your group think that Jason told Chloe this, and what should Chloe do about it?

Suggestions:

- Jason may have told Chloe, because he is jealous that his best mate Paul has had sex and he has not.
- He may fancy Chloe and want to break up his friend's relationship with her.
- He may just be being spiteful and cruel.
- It may be a lie!
- Chloe should talk to Paul about what Jason has said and hear what he has to say about it and then make her decision either to stay or leave the relationship based upon what her boyfriend tells her.

Scenario 5

Jaz wanted to go to a party but his girlfriend wanted to go to the cinema. They talked about it and decided to go to the party that night and the cinema on Tuesday night.

What does your group think about this?

Suggestions

- This is a very good relationship.
- Excellent communication and compromise – good relationships are built on this.
- Win – win situation for both.

Scenario 6

Kiran agreed to have sex with her boyfriend if they used a condom. Jack told her he would be careful and make sure she wouldn't get pregnant. They had sex and didn't use a condom.

What does your group think about this situation?

Was Jack sensible to say "he would make sure she didn't get pregnant"?

Was Kiran right to believe him?

Why does your group think she said yes?

What should they both have done before having sex?

Suggestions:

- The group should think this was wrong.
- Kiran had the right to ask for a condom to be used and her boyfriend should have respected that and if he truly cared about her then he should have used one.
- Males do sometimes think that they can stop a female getting pregnant by withdrawing the penis from the vagina before they 'come' but this may not work as many males will have 'pre-cum' that they are unaware of.
- It only needs one sperm cell to make a baby.
- She may have said yes because she did not want to lose him.
- She did not want to show him that she did not trust him.
- She wanted to have sex with him to show him that she loved him.
- He may have been pressuring her to have sex and because she loved him she gave in to the pressure.
- When Kiran said yes to sex, she should have discussed and sorted out contraception. Contraception to stop her getting pregnant where condoms help prevent STIs.
- Contraception proves both of them were committed to the relationship and cared and respected each other.

Scenario 7

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Does your group think that Troy's behaviour is something for Holly to worry about?

What should they do now they are friends to try to stop it happening again?

Suggestions:

- The group should feel that there is very little to worry about.
- Arguments are quite 'normal' within a relationship and to end it by walking away can be a very good way to stop the argument.
- Arguments can be very cruel and words are often said out of anger and without meaning, walking away stops that getting out of hand.
- Arguments should never become physical – this can lead to violent relationships (Domestic Abuse/Violence) in the future.
- Troy and Holly should discuss what happened, with a view to not allowing it to happen again.

Scenario 8

Josh told his girlfriend that he was going to play football with his mates and she started shouting, hitting and kicking him. She has done this to him before.

How does your group feel about this?

What should Josh do about it, he likes his girlfriend?

Suggestions

- The group should feel that this is wrong.
- This is physical abuse any type of abuse should never be accepted by another person.
- Josh may like his partner very much but this type of abuse is not likely to stop, in fact statistics prove that it will most probably get worse.
- Josh should end the relationship. When he is ready he could find another partner who will respect, love and care for him – all these positive elements and more are missing from this relationship.
- His girlfriend just wants to control the relationship and will stop at nothing to achieve this.

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Why do you think Anita may have said these things?

What could happen if Chantelle has sex with her boyfriend?

Is having sex with someone a good way to keep them?

Suggestions:

- Anita does not have the right to interfere with Chantelle's relationship just because she is her best friend. Best friends should listen, but not give out advice that could lead to unwanted consequences.
- If Chantelle listens to Anita and has sex with James then it is for the wrong reasons – she is doing it because Anita has frightened her into doing it by saying that she will lose him.
- Anita may be jealous of her friend's relationship or Anita may be having sex herself and thinks that Chantelle should be having it too because she is missing out on something nice.
- Anita said that everyone was 'doing it' but this is not true. (Almost everyone is talking about sex but only around 17% of young people are actually doing it, which is a very small percentage).
- If Chantelle has sex with James when she is not really ready she may do it without using her own contraception and so she could become pregnant. (A female can get pregnant the first time she has sex).
- Also if they do not use a condom as well as a female contraceptive (Double Dutch method) Chantelle could get a Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) from James (if both of them have had unprotected sex before, they may have an STI already) or James could get one from her.
- Sex is never a good way to keep anyone. A couple could have sex one night and one of the partners could end the relationship the next day, a few weeks later or months later. Sex holds no guarantees that people will stay together.

Note: Double Dutch means the use of a female contraceptive and the use of a condom together when sex actually takes place. Females are now being encouraged to use Long

Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) this can be obtained from Embrace Sexual Health Services and Base 25, the school nurse and or sexual health workers. Teachers in school can also give advice and sign post young people to relevant services. Leaflets are available giving the times of clinics. The school confidentiality policy should be observed by all staff at all times when giving advice or issuing contraception to young people