Helpful Thinking – Unit 1

Activity 2: Role-play Cue Cards

ACTION

There are three scenarios, two with two cue cards, and one with three cue cards. Decide whether your entire class will perform the role-play activity at once (in which case, copy/print this page sufficiently for each student to receive a card), or whether one pair/trio will perform at the front of the class while the rest observe (in which case, print this page once).

Scenario 1 – Coach
You have called a meeting with one of your team’s players. He/she performed well last season, but his/her commitment seems to have dropped, and he/she is missing training, complaining of injury, etc. You have to tell him/her the bad news that you are dropping them from A-grade to B-grade this season.

Scenario 1 – Player
You have trained fairly hard in order to make the A-grade soccer team this season. It’s been tough because of your ankle injury and school commitments. But now Coach has called you in for a meeting. You know that the former team captain is out this season – is Coach is going to offer you the role of team captain?

Scenario 2 – Boss
You run a small cafe, and one of your part-time employees has asked for a meeting. That is good because he/she has proved smart and reliable, and you would like to offer them a semi-managerial position. You are able to pay him/her an extra $3 per hour, but he/she needs to increase work hours to include Thursday nights.

Scenario 2 – Employee
You quite like your part-time job in this cafe, although the pay is not great. You are saving up for a trip away with your best friends during the school holidays. Unfortunately, school is getting tougher, and you need to cut back your work hours so you can study more. You have asked to meet your boss to talk about hours and pay.

Scenario 3 – Parent
You have crunched the numbers and decided to put solar panels on the house to reduce the power bills in the long-term. In the short-term though, everyone at home needs to consume less power. You decide to speak to your two kids to tell them that they need to shorten showers and cut down computer and TV time.

Scenario 3 – Sibling #1
Your Science teacher surprised you today with a great mark in a spot quiz. He invited you to participate in a science experiment of your choice for extra marks. You decided to hatch lizard eggs in an incubator the school can lend you. Now, your parent wants to talk to you about something.

Scenario 3 – Sibling #2
Your art teacher took you aside today and said that a parent had seen your work in the Art Display Room and is interested in offering you casual work doing graphic design from home. It will require more hours on the one computer you share at home. Your parent wants to talk to you – the perfect time to ask permission.