

## Resource 10

### Scenario cards: Fairness

<p><i>Ariel is the biggest bully at school and has really been picking on Jasmine lately... teasing her, calling her names and even ripping up her homework. Trouble is, Ariel's dad is the principal so Jasmine's not game to tell on her. Last week, special projects had to be handed in. When Jasmine walked past the teacher's desk, she saw Ariel's project sitting on top. No one was around, so Jasmine took Ariel's project and hid it behind the piano. No one ever found it.</i></p> <p><b>Was getting back at Ariel the right thing to do? Was it fair?</b></p>	<p><i>Aaron and Michael really wanted tickets to the State of Origin. They had heard that the local radio station was giving some away at the park at lunch time. Michael suggested that Aaron go down to the park, and he'd cover for him at school. Unfortunately, Aaron's brother got hurt during PE and his mum came to school during her lunch break to get both of the boys. When it was discovered that Aaron was missing, both the principal and Aaron's mother asked Michael if he knew where Aaron was. Michael said he had no idea.</i></p> <p><b>Was keeping the secret the right thing to do? Was it fair?</b></p>
<p><i>Dava was a chess whiz but hated doing his homework. His mum told him if he didn't get all his homework finished by Thursday, he wasn't allowed to go to Chess Club on Friday afternoon. Dava didn't do any homework on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, but stayed up past midnight on Thursday to get it finished. His dad said he wasn't allowed to go because he was too tired.</i></p> <p><b>Was it right for Dava's dad to not let him go to Chess Club? Was it fair?</b></p>	<p><i>Ruby lives with her dad and little brother. Last week her dad lost his job and now money is tight. Before he lost his job, Ruby's dad paid her ten dollars a week to look after the garden and wash his car. Ruby has been saving up the money to go on the school camp. Yesterday her dad got the electricity bill, but didn't have enough money to pay for it. He asked Ruby how much she had saved and asked if he could borrow it. If Ruby lends Dad the money, she'll miss the deadline for paying for camp.</i></p> <p><b>Is lending Dad the money the right thing to do? Is it fair?</b></p>
<p><i>Joon Seo can't speak English, and Yin is the only other Chinese speaker at school. They're not friends though because Yin is always punching Joon Seo. Joon Seo's dad said "An eye for an eye... Next time he punches you, punch him right back." On Tuesday Yin cornered Joon in the playground and give him a mighty thump. The teacher on duty didn't spot Yin's punch but did see Joon return the punch with gusto. Now Joon has to spend the lunch breaks in the principal's office.</i></p> <p><b>Is it right to punish Joon Seo for punching Yin? Is it fair?</b></p>	<p><i>Nell is always telling John that he's a real dunce. At school the class is writing emails to another class in Tasmania. Last week, John found Nell's homework diary with her password written inside. He went online, pretended to be Nell and sent an email to her penpal calling the penpal's teacher names. Nell's penpal showed her teacher and now Nell is in big trouble. John thought that was a pretty smart trick.</i></p> <p><b>Was what John did right? Was it fair?</b></p>

# children's rights, children's lives

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<p><i>Meredith and her friend Sally found a twenty dollar bill outside the local RSL. They decided to keep it and donate it to a children's charity.</i></p> <p><b>Was keeping the money the right thing to do? Was it fair?</b></p>	<p><i>Melissa and Jasmine are best friends. Jasmine's parents are very strict. She is not allowed to attend any after-school activities because she is not allowed to talk to boys un-chaperoned. Jasmine really wanted to attend the school disco so Melissa told Jasmine's mum that she was having a slumber party, but she and Jasmine went to the disco instead.</i></p> <p><b>Was it right for Jasmine to go to the disco? Was it fair?</b></p>
<p><i>Noora wins the swimming trophy every year. This year, she fell off the blocks and was disqualified from one of her races. This put Alex's score ahead of hers and he won the championship for the first time.</i></p> <p><b>Was it right for Noora to lose the trophy because of one race? Was it fair?</b></p>	<p><i>All of the teachers were busy working on report cards so that they could be given out before the holidays. Ms Swann decided not to give out her class' report cards until after the holidays because she wanted more time to do them really well. All of the other classes got their report cards on break up day.</i></p> <p><b>Was it right for Ms Swann to take extra time to write her class' report cards? Was it fair?</b></p>
<p><i>When April and Max first started going out, Max was an up and coming star in the Broncos. Last season, Max was tackled hard and ended up with a head injury. He became really aggressive and started yelling at April all of the time. She began to feel worried that he might hurt her. April decided to break up with Max. Now none of his mates will talk to her and she never gets invited out by any of their old friends.</i></p> <p><b>Was breaking up with Max the right thing to do? Was it fair?</b></p>	<p><i>Erica has been working part-time at her local burger chain outlet for seven years. Lately, she's noticed that she has been getting fewer and fewer shifts. When the latest roster came out, she only had two. Maddie started working there just last year, and she had four. Erica asked the manager why her shifts had been cut back. She answered that the store owner had told her to cut back on wages costs. Maddie was cheaper to employ because she was a junior.</i></p> <p><b>Did the manager do the right thing by giving Maddie more shifts? Was it fair?</b></p>