

Relationship Scenarios

Scenario 1

Jordan and Jade are good friends.

On the way home they are talking about who they fancy at school. Jordan suddenly says "I fancy you" and tries to kiss Jade. Jade doesn't fancy Jordan, she doesn't want to hurt his feelings and she doesn't want him to kiss her?

What should Jade do?

How might this make Jordan feel?

Scenario 2

Harpal and Sunita are good friends

On the way home from school they are talking about who they fancy. Harpal suddenly says "I fancy you" and kisses Sunita. Sunita fancies Harpal too, Sunita liked being kissed by Harpal but starts to worry.

What is Sunita worried about and why?

How might Harpal be feeling?

Scenario 3

Ryan and Tenesha are friends.

Ryan tells Tenesha that he thinks he fancies his mate Charlie, he wants to tell him but he is too scared.

Why is Ryan too scared to tell Charlie?

What do you think might happen if Ryan tells him?

How might others see Ryan if they find out he is gay/bisexual?

Scenario 4

Archie tells Danielle that he likes Joanne.

Danielle tells Archie that she has heard Joanne has gone out with lots of boys at school.

How do you think Joanne would feel if she heard this rumour?
Why do think Danielle has said this?

Scenario 5

Robert and Lisa are both 16, they have been going out with each other for 6 months. Robert asks Lisa to have sex with him. She says "No." Robert says "If you loved me you would."

What should Lisa do?
What could happen if Lisa said yes?
What could happen if Lisa said no?

Scenario 6

Taylor and Mandeep are both 15, they have been flirting with each other for several months. One night, at a friend's house, both of them have too much to drink. They start kissing and things begin to go further than either of them really want it to.

What should Taylor and Mandeep do?
What could happen if they carried on kissing?
What might the consequences be for them if they do take their relationship further than they intended?

Scenario 7

Chris and Jamie have been friends for a long time. They enjoy each other's company and they like doing similar things together. They have a good laugh when they meet up. Recently Chris realised that his feelings for Jamie have changed. He is not sure if Jamie likes him in the same way.

What should Chris and Jamie do?

What could happen if Chris admitted that he liked Jamie?

What might happen if Jamie does not feel the same as Chris does?

Scenario 8

Sam is about to ask Laura out for the first time. He plans to go out for pizza and then go to the cinema. Sam's not sure if he should offer to pay for her on their date, or if he should just assume they'll split the costs between them.

What should Sam do?

What do you think will happen?

Scenario 9

Tara has been interested in Alex for the last few months. She thinks Alex might like her, but he seems too shy to ask her out. She thought about calling him and asking him to go to bowling Saturday night, but she's afraid of being pushy. She wants to go out with him.

What should Tara do?

What do you think will happen?

How might Alex respond to Tara's invitation to go bowling?

Facilitator Notes:

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What should Jade do?

How might this make Jordan feel?

Suggestions:

What could Jade do?

- She needs to be firm but kind/gentle. She needs to tell him that they are good friends but that is all.
- She must not let him kiss her as this would give him mixed messages.
- She could try to change the subject by saying e.g. "come on we are still mates so let's think about what's on TV tonight" or "what shall we have for tea tonight" etc.

How could Jordan be feeling?

- Embarrassed, disappointed, upset, hurt etc.
- Also angry – angry with himself for being so silly to think Jade would fancy him, or angry with Jade for saying no.
- However, if Jade has been firm but kind then hopefully he knows that she is ok about it and that she's happy to go back to being just friends as they were before.

Scenario 2

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What is Sunita worried about and why?

How might Harpal be feeling?

Suggestions:

What is Sunita worried about and why?

- Someone might see Sunita kissing Harpal and tell her parents, (she knows they would not approve).

How might this make Harpal feel?

- Happy, because she can sense that Sunita likes him kissing her.
- Harpal may also sense that something is wrong but he can't understand what or why – this gives him mixed messages and he may feel confused.

Scenario 3

Ryan and Tenesha are friends.

Ryan tells Tenesha that he thinks he fancies his mate Charlie, he wants to tell him but he is too scared.

Why is Ryan too scared to tell Charlie?

What do you think might happen if Ryan tells him?

How might others see Ryan if they find out he is gay/bisexual?

Suggestions:

Why is Ryan too scared to tell Charlie?

- Most people are afraid of rejection as it makes them feel embarrassed, disappointed and upset and this may be Ryan's fear.
- He may also think that it may spoil his and Charlie's friendship and he would not want to lose this friendship.

What do you think might happen if Ryan tells him?

- Charlie may also like Ryan.
- Charlie may be very annoyed at Ryan and not like the fact that he likes him.
- They may admit they like each other, but decide to keep it quiet from their friends and families.

How might others see Ryan if they find out he is gay/bisexual?

- If Ryan 'comes out' as gay or bisexual, he will have to deal with the consequences of this. Some people may be very supportive and nice to him, however some people may be very nasty towards him.
- They could call him names because of his sexuality. His family may find out and he may not want them to know.

Scenario 4

Archie tells Danielle that he likes Joanne. Danielle tells Archie that she has heard Joanne has gone out with lots of boys at school.

How do you think Joanne would feel if she heard this rumour? Why do you think Danielle has said this?

Suggestions:

How would Joanne feel if she heard this rumour?

- Embarrassed (as it may be true) but she may not have told people so this makes her realise that the boys that she has been out with are telling others.
- Embarrassed as it may not be true and this would make her feel angry, hurt and very upset.
- She may not want to go to school and this rumour could be the start of her missing school/getting into trouble.

Why has Danielle said this?

- She may fancy Archie herself and does not want him to take Joanne out.
- She may believe that the rumour is true and she is worried about her friend and doesn't want him to go out with someone whom she thinks is not very nice.

Scenario 5

Robert and Lisa are both 16, they have been going out with each other for 6 months. Robert asks Lisa to have sex with him. She says "No." Robert says "If you loved me you would."

What should Lisa do?

What could happen if Lisa said yes?

What could happen if Lisa said no?

Suggestions:

What should Lisa do?

- Lisa should stay firm in her refusal and repeat that she will not have sex with Robert.
- She should not have sex with him to prove her love for him.
- She could explain to Robert that if he loved her he would not expect her to do something that she did not want to do and would want to wait until they were both ready.
- She could also explain that by asking her that he was putting conditions on their love and also that love and sex are two different things.

What could happen if Lisa said yes?

- She could get pregnant or transmit a Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI).
- She may keep Robert as her boyfriend as she did what he wanted her to do.
- If Lisa did get pregnant Robert may leave her and this could be very difficult for Lisa, if she didn't want the baby. She could become a single parent or find herself having to decide if she wants to have an abortion.
- If she did want a baby then she would feel very happy!
- Robert could leave her anyway.

What could happen if Lisa said no?

- Nothing. Robert could respect her decision and explanation and the relationship could continue as before.
- He could get angry with her and force her to have sex without the use of a condom. (This would be rape and would need reporting).
- Robert could choose to leave her and find a new girlfriend.
- However, it is important to remember that this could happen anyway.
- Sex will not make someone stay together in a relationship.

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What should Taylor and Mandeep do?

What could happen if they carried kissing?

What might the consequences be for them if they do take their relationship further than they intended?

Suggestions:

What should Taylor and Mandeep do?

- They need to think about the possible consequences of going further.
- Will they be happy the next day?
- Will they regret what they have done?
- They need to talk to each about their friendship and feelings for each other.

What could happen if they carried kissing?

- They might have sex, without protection so could end up having a baby and have an STI.

- Someone might see them and tell other people at the party.
- Someone might tell their parents/carers or other family members.

What might the consequences be for them if they do take their relationship further than they intended?

- They might be happy, but they might feel sad, embarrassed or worried.
- It might spoil their friendship.
- They might regret what happened.
- They might have to answer some awkward questions at home.

Scenario 7

Chris and Jamie have been friends for a long time. They enjoy each other's company and they like doing similar things together. They have a good laugh when they meet up. Recently Chris realised that his feelings for Jamie have changed. He is not sure if Jamie likes him in the same way.

What should Chris and Jamie do?

What could happen if Chris admitted that he liked Jamie?

What might happen if Jamie does not feel the same as Chris does?

Suggestions:

What should Chris and Jamie do?

- They should sit down and talk about their friendship and possible relationship.
- They should discuss their feelings for each other (being aware that Jamie may not feel the same way as Chris).

What could happen if Chris admitted that he liked Jamie?

- Jamie could be embarrassed at Chris revealing his/her feelings as she/he doesn't feel the same way.
- It could turn nasty and Jamie could spread gossip/rumours around about Chris.

What might happen if Jamie does not feel the same way as Chris?

- They could break up being friends.
- Jamie could get upset or angry or both.
- Jamie could spread rumours and gossip about Chris.
- Jamie could disclose Chris' feelings to one of Chris' family.
- Jamie could tell his family.

- Jamie could talk to Chris about his feelings and explain that he/she does not feel that way about Chris, but wants to support Chris with his/her feelings and continue enjoying each other's company. Also making it clear that he/she does not feel the same way, so that Chris is not lead on and hurt in the future.

Scenario 8

Sam is about to ask Laura, out for the first time.

He plans to go out for pizza and then go to the cinema. Sam's not sure if he should offer to pay for her on their date, or if he should just assume they'll split the costs between them.

What should Sam do?

What do you think will happen?

Suggestions:

What should Sam do?

- It depends how confident he feels, he might like to treat her if he can afford it, so he needs to make sure he has enough money either way.
- He could talk to Laura and suggest they go Dutch. (spilt the bill).

What do you think will happen?

- Laura might suggest they split the bill, or offer to pay for the cinema tickets.
- Laura might expect Sam to pay and this could be awkward if Sam doesn't have enough money to pay for Laura and Laura doesn't have enough money to pay for herself.

Scenario 9

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What should Tara do?

What do you think will happen?

How might Alex respond to Tara's invitation to go bowling?

Suggestions:

What should Tara do?

- If she feels confident enough to ask Alex out, then she should try it and see what happens.
- Alternatively she could tell a friend and ask them to tell Alex she likes him and see what happens.

What do you think will happen?

- They might go out, or Alex might say no, or Tara doesn't ask him out. How might Alex respond to Tara's invitation to go bowling?
- He might say 'yes' if he likes her. He might suggest they go somewhere else, or just go out in a group.