

ETHICAL DILEMMAS



Dialogue

Michael: (laughing) Hey, James! I just found the key to the stock room.

Peter: That's great! You're just on time. I'm actually needing a can of white paint to use for my garage.

Michael: You're not serious, are you? Though we are alone, but I'm afraid someone else might see us.

Peter: Oh, come on! Don't you worry. This company won't suffer bankruptcy for losing a can of paint! Besides, they can afford buying even a dozen of it. Just think of it as a fringe benefit.

Michael: But no matter where you look at it, it's still stealing!

Peter: Not really. We worked for it! Like what I said, fringe benefit.

Michael: The last time you told me about adding a few hours to compensate your late. I'm still worried that the payroll department will find out somehow.

Peter: Don't be such a worrywart. There's no way anyone can find out about it. Not until you will! Besides, everyone does it.

Let's Talk

- 1. Who's opinion do you agree more? Justify your answer.
- 2. If you were in a low paid job would you feel less guilty about helping yourself to company supplies?



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What would you do?

Discuss the following ethical dilemmas.



Your boss told you that one of your co-workers is among the several to be laid off soon. You were told not to tell your co-worker yet as he might spread the news which would cause an outrage. Meanwhile, you heard from your co-worker that he's intending to buy a new car and pay for his wife to have a nose job. What should you do?

You work for a Japanese branch of an American multinational. Your manager, who is an American, always talking down to you and you feel that this is only because you are Japanese. If you complain, you will lose your job. However, you can't take much more and are about to snap. How should you handle the situation?

You are working for a part-time job at a bar. At the end of the night, you found a cheap jacket that has been left behind by a customer. It doesn't seem to belong to a regular customer. Upon checking the pockets, you found nothing except a plain envelope with \$10,000 inside. Your job is not well paid and you could really use the money to pay an urgent debt.