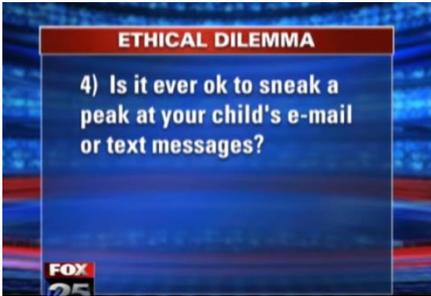




On a TV morning show an ethicist was interviewed and asked about how to respond to some specific ethical issues



Ethical Dilemmas on Fox 25 Morning News

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7eAB6u2Hqs>



Possible vocabulary to pre-teach:

- to wrestle with something
- you owe it to somebody (to do something)
- to sneak a peek at something
- to betray a/somebody's trust



TEACHING SUGGESTION

●Go over the suggested vocabulary, eliciting as much as possible. Then explain that the students will watch parts of a TV show where an expert answers some ethical questions. Four of the questions posed to the ethicist are highlighted in this activity. The suggestion is to play the intro to the segment so the students can see and hear the question being asked. After those five seconds, pause the video while the students discuss in pairs what they would do or what advice/perspectives they might have. Then show that video segment and have the class discuss to what extent they agree with the expert. When much has been said, go on to the next excerpt.

1	1:55 – 2:00	Q	Is it unfair to move into better (open) seats at a sporting event or concert?
	2:00 – 2:37	A	<i>Ok if ticket doesn't prohibit it and you're prepared to move back if asked</i>
2	2:39 – 2:44	Q	Is it okay to fantasize about someone else when I'm with my partner?
	2:44 – 3:24	A	<i>Fantasizing is normal but if you only fantasize every time you are intimate you have to talk about it with your partner</i>
3	3:26 – 3:30	Q	Is it ever okay to sneak a peek at your child's email or text messages? (spelling: <del>peak</del> →peek)
	3:30 – 4:04	A	<i>A child's safety is always more important than a child's privacy, but should inform child you are going to do that. Otherwise you could betray their trust.</i>
4	4:44 – 4:50	Q	If I make an illegal play during a sporting event and the referee doesn't see it, can I act like it never happened?
	4:50 – 5:21	A	<i>The ethical thing is to be honest and point it out, even if it means losing the game. (Rarely happens, though.)</i>



POSSIBLE DISCUSSION THEMES:

- Do you think ethics is relative? Is there such a thing as true or absolute morality canons?
- Who decides on morality issues? Explore authority figures as those found in religion, the educational system, parents/family, peers, the government, celebrities (TV, sports, etc).
- Some people think it's better to do what you want and later apologize than to always respect the norms of society or the wishes of those around you. What do you think?
- Is it possible to learn from our ethical mistakes and through making 'bad' or 'incorrect' decisions from time to time? Do we become better people for it?
- “You don't know how to be an angel if you've never had your feathers ruffled.”  
Explore what you think that might mean and its consequences.



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