Vignette 1

Jacob is at the pool and wants to ride the water slide. However, the line is 15 minutes long, and his mom says he has to be home in 15 minutes.

Actions Jacob could take

*Ordinary Events*

1. Tell his mom he will be late
2. Play in the pool instead
3. Wait until next time to ride the slide
4. Ask his mom to stay longer

*Impossible Events*

1. Use the slide in another dimension
2. Build another slide out of water
3. Rewind time to ride the slide
4. Make the pool in his backyard

*Immoral Events*

1. Say he was late because he got lost
2. Cut to the front of the line
3. Bribe the lifeguard to let him go first
4. Bully everyone into letting him go next

*Improbable Events*

1. Convince the lifeguard to let him go first
2. Suddenly like waterslides much less
3. Find a smaller waterslide at home
4. Have everyone let him go first

*Irrational Events*

1. Stay at the pool overnight
2. Stand next to, not in, the line
3. Never go to the pool again
4. Go to a pool very far away

# Vignette 2

Eliza and her friends are on a camping trip in the wilderness. To Eliza’s dismay, she realizes she left her food outside overnight and an animal ate all of it.

Actions Eliza could take

*Ordinary Events*

1. Ask her friends to share
2. End the camping trip early
3. Go to the nearest store
4. Try to catch a fish

*Impossible Events*

1. Eat boulders for food instead
2. Have the animal un-eat it
3. Evaporate the animal
4. Make new food by wishing

*Immoral Events*

1. Steal her friend’s food
2. Lie that her friend’s food was eaten
3. Throw out her friends’ food
4. Pretend they were all robbed

*Improbable Events*

1. Have a helicopter drop food
2. Discover a filet mignon nearby
3. Find an abandoned picnic nearby
4. Befriend a generous hunter-gatherer

*Irrational Events*

1. Throw away her camping tent
2. Eat poison berries for food
3. Move to a new city
4. Stay on the trip and starve

# Vignette 3

Sam takes his new neighbor out on a romantic date to a nice Italian restaurant. At the end of dinner, Sam goes to pay for the bill, but his credit card declines due to insufficient funds.

Actions Sam could take

*Ordinary Events*

Try another credit card

1. Pay his date back later
2. Write a paper check instead
3. Go to a nearby ATM

*Impossible Events*

1. Wish money into his account
2. Collect money off a tree
3. Make the restaurant food free
4. Create money out of dirt

*Immoral Events*

1. Take money from the cashier
2. Sneak out of the restaurant
3. Steal money from his date
4. Pretend dinner made him sick

*Improbable Events*

1. Be given a free meal
2. Have a stranger pay
3. Find a $100 gift card
4. Pay with European money

*Irrational Events*

1. Start cooking in the restaurant’s kitchen
2. Order an entire second meal
3. Never eat Italian food again
4. Run around the restaurant screaming

# Vignette 4

Danielle was recently laid off from her job and is interviewing with 3 new companies. She has not yet found a new job, and she can’t afford to pay this month’s rent for her apartment.

Actions Danielle could take

*Ordinary Events*

1. Ask her landlord for help
2. Move into a friend’s apartment
3. Use money from her retirement
4. Borrow money from her parents

*Impossible Events*

1. Become invisible and don’t move
2. Grow money on a bush
3. Use ferns to pay rent
4. Magically create more money

*Immoral Events*

1. Rob another family’s home
2. Steal money from her neighbor
3. Poison her landlord’s food
4. Take her landlord’s daughter hostage

*Improbable Events*

1. Have a stranger offer to pay it
2. Win a million dollar lottery
3. Find an abandoned apartment
4. Be given a free mansion

*Irrational Events*

1. Move into a cardboard box
2. Sell her organs for money
3. Eat an expensive steak dinner
4. Go on a shopping spree

# Vignette 5

Markus’s mother asked him to buy bread yesterday, but he forgot. Today, he goes to the supermarket and realizes there is no bread left.

Actions Markus could take

*Ordinary Events*

1. Borrow bread from his neighbor
2. Go to the bakery instead
3. Make the bread at home
4. Buy some English muffins instead

*Impossible Events*

1. Quickly grow a loaf of bread
2. Make bread out of meat
3. Make his mother forget bread exists
4. Be given bread by a spiders

*Immoral Events*

1. Take bread from someone’s cart
2. Steal bread from his neighbor
3. Say the dog ate the bread
4. Rob a bread bakery

*Improbable Events*

1. Have a stranger give him bread
2. Find bread in his fridge
3. Convince his mom bread is unhealthy
4. Win bread in a competition

*Irrational Events*

1. Swear off gluten for life
2. Drive across the country for bread
3. Never return to his house
4. Buy 25 hot dogs instead

# Vignette 6

Sara has been dealing with a break-up, and she forgot to study for her biology exam tomorrow. Biology is her worst subject, and it usually takes her weeks to study.

Actions Sara could take

*Ordinary Events*

1. Ask for an exam extension
2. Study hard the whole night
3. Participate in a study session
4. Ask her professor for help

*Impossible Events*

1. Pause time to study
2. Acquire a photographic memory
3. Upload the answers to her brain
4. Read her smartest classmate’s mind

*Immoral Events*

1. Lie about a family emergency
2. Copy her classmate’s answers
3. Poison her professor before class
4. Pull the fire alarm during testing

*Improbable Events*

1. Guess correctly on most questions
2. Have her professor excuse her
3. Find out the test is cancelled
4. Realize the test is optional

*Irrational Events*

1. Drop out of the college
2. Try to answer every question incorrectly
3. Turn in last month’s exam
4. Start studying after the exam

Vignette 7

Kira drives to go to her friend Steve’s birthday party. She suddenly realizes she forgot his gift, a new watch, at her house. Kira talks to her friend Lucy, and Lucy tells her that she brought a present for Steve.

Actions Kira could take

*Ordinary Events*

1. Drive back home for the gift
2. Apologize to Steve for forgetting
3. Give Steve his gift the next day
4. Tell Steve she forgot his gift

*Impossible Events*

1. Magically move the gift to Steve’s party
2. Make a new watch out of air
3. Make Steve forget it’s his birthday
4. Teleport home and get the watch

*Immoral Events*

1. Bully Lucy into giving over her gift
2. Say someone stole the watch
3. Poison Lucy and take her gift
4. Pretend she couldn’t afford a gift

*Improbable Events*

1. Have Lucy give Kira her gift
2. Have Lucy buy Kira a new gift
3. Find another present in her car
4. Be given a new present for Steve

*Irrational Events*

1. Go to a different party
2. Pretend to forget where she is
3. Sell her car to buy another watch
4. Ask Steve for a present

Vignette 8

Monique is running a race where the first-place runner wins $1000, and she is in the lead. Then, she falls and hurts her ankle badly, and other runners start to pass her.

Actions Monique could take

*Ordinary Events*

1. Quit the race early
2. Ask for medical assistance
3. Try to finish the race
4. Get ice for her ankle

*Impossible Events*

1. Magically heal her ankle
2. Freeze all the other runners
3. Finish the race by flying
4. Go back in time and not fall

*Immoral Events*

1. Have someone trip the other runners
2. Take a shortcut to win
3. Say someone pushed her
4. Steal the $1000 prize

*Improbable Events*

1. Sprint the rest of the race
2. Discover everyone else quit
3. Have the winner give her $1000
4. Have another runner carry her

*Irrational Events*

1. Run back to the start
2. Purposefully trip again
3. Sing a song about running
4. Pay the winner $1000

Vignette 9

Maria is driving to the store to buy groceries. While pulling into a parking spot, she dings the side of the car parked to her left.

Actions Maria could take

*Ordinary Events*

1. Leave a note with insurance information
2. Apologize to the owner of the car
3. Call her car insurance company
4. Give the driver money for repairs

*Impossible Events*

1. Go back in time and drive more carefully
2. Replace the car with an identical duplicate
3. Switch the car color so the scratch blends in
4. Snap her fingers to undo her mistake

*Immoral Events*

1. Drive away without saying anything
2. Leave a coworker’s contact information
3. Blame a bystander for the damage
4. Park elsewhere to avoid blame

*Improbable Events*

1. Fix the damage before the driver returns
2. Be given money for the repairs
3. Get a stranger to donate another car
4. Realize the driver does not care

*Irrational Events*

1. Do 100 pushups in the parking lot
2. Vow to never drive again
3. Dent her own car to make it fair
4. Resign from her job out of shame

Vignette 10

Bob is at the library. While he is reading, a woman sitting nearby gets up and asks Bob to watch her bag while she goes to get a book. Bob goes back to reading. A minute later he looks up to find the bag missing.

Actions Bob could take

*Ordinary Events*

1. Admit that the bag is missing
2. Help her search for the bag
3. Report the missing bag
4. Ask other people what they saw

*Impossible Events*

1. Become the bag-stealing thief
2. Summon the bag with a magic wand
3. Erase the woman’s memory
4. Undo the past few events

*Immoral Events*

1. Leave before the woman returns
2. Lie that the bag was stolen at gunpoint
3. Blame another person at the library
4. Pretend to be deaf

*Improbable Events*

1. Convince her she doesn’t need it
2. Spot the bag on the ceiling
3. Discover the woman deliberately hid it
4. Realize the bag was never missing

*Irrational Events*

1. Start singing famous opera ballads
2. Build a new bag out of pencils
3. Search for the bag inside a dictionary
4. Look for the bag on the ceiling

Vignette 11

For her son’s birthday, Emily bakes a cake to serve to the children in her son’s class. One child in the class is allergic to nuts, so the cake needs to be nut-free. However, right before serving the cake, Emily realizes the cake contains nuts.

Actions Emily could take

*Ordinary Events*

1. Promise him cake when he gets home
2. Go buy a nut-free dessert
3. Serve ice cream instead
4. Give the child a toy instead

*Impossible Events*

1. Zap the nuts from the cake
2. Modify genetics to eliminate allergies
3. Pull the allergy out of him
4. Convince him to not have a reaction

*Immoral Events*

1. Lie that the cake is nut-free
2. Kick the child out of the party
3. Reprimand him for inconveniencing everyone
4. Blame the child’s parents for genetics

*Improbable Events*

1. Discover a nut-free cake in the house
2. Invent an anti-allergy remedy
3. Learn that the child was lying
4. Learn that the child doesn’t want cake

*Irrational Events*

1. Hide the forks from everyone
2. Postpone the party for a month
3. Send everyone home early
4. Explain the history of cake

Vignette 12

Max is scheduled to give a presentation to the CEO of his company. Minutes before the presentation, Max realizes he left his flash drive with the presentation slides at home.

Actions Max could take

*Ordinary Events*

1. Run home to retrieve the flash drive
2. Explain his mistake to the CEO
3. Ask to postpone the presentation
4. Attempt the presentation without slides

*Impossible Events*

1. Make the wind do the presentation
2. Teleport home to retrieve the flash drive
3. Return to yesterday to remind himself
4. Project the slides with his mind

*Immoral Events*

1. Pull the fire alarm to delay
2. Blame his coworker for the mistake
3. Poison the CEO to stall
4. Fake an injury to leave the meeting

*Improbable Events*

1. Convince the CEO his presentation is tomorrow
2. Recreate all of the slides quickly
3. Find a random computer with the slides on it
4. Find out everyone gets the day off

*Irrational Events*

1. Apologize by giving the CEO his necktie
2. Whistle the tune to Hot Cross Buns
3. Give a presentation on shoelaces
4. Show funny videos instead

TEN QUESTIONS:

Would it be morally acceptable for \_\_\_ to do the following action?

Should \_\_\_ do the following action?

Would it be okay for \_\_\_ to do the following action?

Should \_\_\_ be allowed to do the following action?

Should \_\_\_ be punished for doing the following action?

Would it be wrong for \_\_\_ to do the following action?

Is it unethical for \_\_\_ to do the following action?

Is it immoral for \_\_\_ to do the following action?

Do you approve of \_\_\_ doing the following action?

Does \_\_ deserve blame for doing the following action?