

# Work Ethic in Action Scenarios

## Bobby

Bobby wanted to earn extra money, so his parents helped him get a job delivering papers. He had to wake up every morning at 5 a.m. to fold the newspapers. He would then pack them in the sack on his bike and ride around the neighborhood, throw the paper on the driveways. A few times, his toss was off and the paper landed on the wet grass. He knew he should probably return to the house and place the paper on the driveway, but his aim usually was accurate. He figured he could always pretend he didn't notice – especially if no one complained. Bobby really didn't like the job, but he forced himself to do it every morning. About three months into the job, he decided it wasn't worth the extra money. He told his boss that he wanted to quit, but offered to complete the last week of the month because he knew they would have to find a new delivery person.

## Bobby's Work Ethic:



## Explain your response:

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**Sally**

Sally volunteered to run the lollipop booth at her school’s Halloween carnival. The principal allows only the most responsible fifth-graders to run the booths. Sally was excited when she was selected. She arrived early and set up her booth beautifully. She worked hard on the sign that read “The Lollipop Game - 25¢ a try”. Everyone who paid 25 cents would get to choose a lollipop from the display. If the lollipop chosen had a black dot on the bottom, the person would win a prize. Sally did a great job running the booth. She carefully collected and stored the quarters and gave out prizes accordingly. Her friend Sarah came up to the table while she was working. There was a long line of people waiting, but Sally wanted to chat with Sarah while she worked, which was not easy to do. As they finished talking, Sarah asked if she could have a lollipop. Sally told her that she needed to pay 25 cents. Sarah handed over a quarter and grabbed a lollipop. The boy at the front of the line complained, “Hey, that’s not fair, she didn’t wait in line.” Sally told him she would give him a prize if he didn’t tell. She showed him where one of the lollipops with the dot was, and sent him off with a prize.

**Sally’s Work Ethic:**



**Explain your response:**

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Johnny started his own business mowing lawns in his neighborhood. He mows the lawn at three houses on Saturdays, but he really hopes to get more customers. On Wednesday evening, Johnny's mother escorted him from door to door, where he introduced himself, offered his services, and left each neighbor with a piece of paper he had made with his name and phone number. That Friday, two more neighbors called to hire him to mow their lawns. On Saturday, he woke up early and completed mowing the lawns of all five houses. Johnny noticed that one of his customers, Mrs. Collins, had a flowerbed full of weeds. After he finished mowing her lawn, he spent an extra half hour pulling the weeds out of her garden. As she paid him for mowing the lawn, she noticed the work he had done on her flowerbed. She was so pleased, she offered him an additional \$5. Johnny politely refused, stating that it was all just part of the job.

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**Veronica**

Veronica was on a club soccer team that practiced every Wednesday afternoon after school. She liked playing soccer, but her passion was dancing. She asked her parents if she could take dance classes instead, but they were too expensive. She was disappointed, but she understood. Veronica was in charge of bringing the bag of soccer balls to practice each Wednesday because her house was closest to the park. She didn't mind; she only had to walk one block more to the park. On her way, she always passed by Ms. Gibson's dance school, where she occasionally stopped to watch the dancers. A few times, one of the teachers invited her in to join them for free. She knew if she went into the class, her soccer teammates wouldn't have any balls for practice, but she just couldn't pass up the opportunity to do what she loved. After the third time she failed to deliver the soccer balls, her coach called and asked her to give the bag of balls to Molly so she could be in charge of them. Veronica apologized and told her coach the truth about where she had been and why she chose to attend the dance classes. The coach was disappointed, but he appreciated her honesty. Veronica promised to give the ball bag to Molly, and she followed through with this promise the following day.

**Veronica's Work Ethic:**



**Explain your response:**

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