

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1** In small groups, take a moment to read the problem situation on the back of a card.
- 2** One team member must think of a way of solving the problem. Other team members become additional characters as needed.
- 3** Act out the problem solving.
- 4** A second team member must now think of an opposite way to solve the problem. Other team members become additional characters as needed.
- 5** Act out the problem solving from this new point of view.
- 6** Discuss the similarities and differences, pros and cons of how your characters solved their problems.

CHARACTER IDEAS

Work out the problem by taking on the role of:

yourself
student your age
bully
friend
parent
sister
brother
aunt
uncle
cousin
neighbour
older person
teacher
hero/heroine
stranger
video-game character
TV character

PROBLEMS AT SCHOOL

Problem Situation:

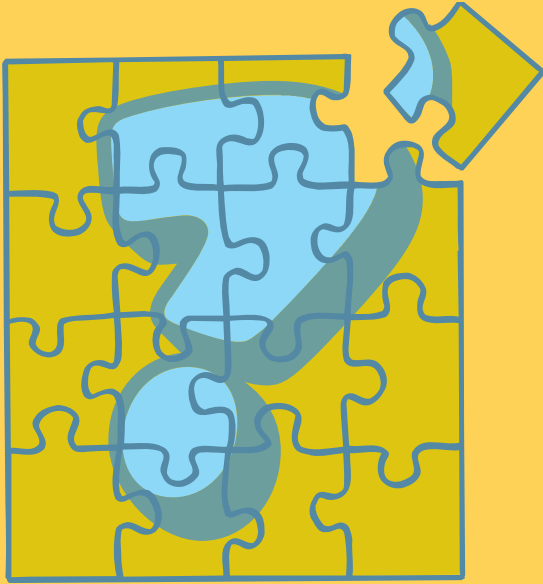
There was an incident at recess and you were involved. The teacher has discussed the problem with you and the other person involved and now writes a note home to your parents...

YIKES! I LOST IT!

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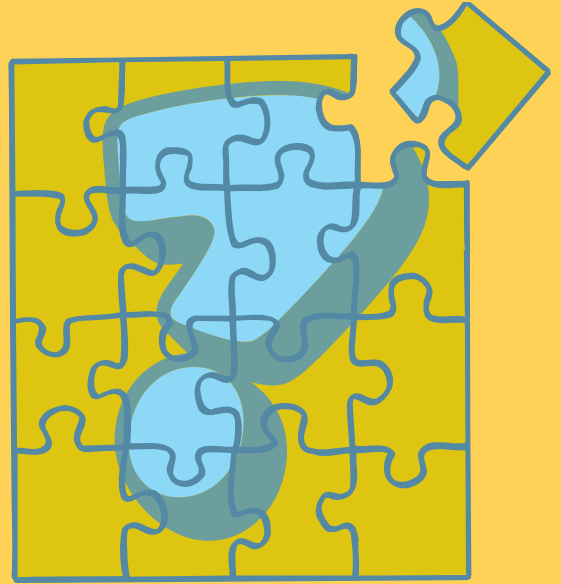
Your dad asked you not to bring his artist tools to school for your group project. The tools are very expensive and your dad needs them for the work he does. He even gets upset when you use the tools at home without his permission. You already lost one of his rulers that he had to replace last year. You decided to bring the tools to school anyway, and now three more things are lost...

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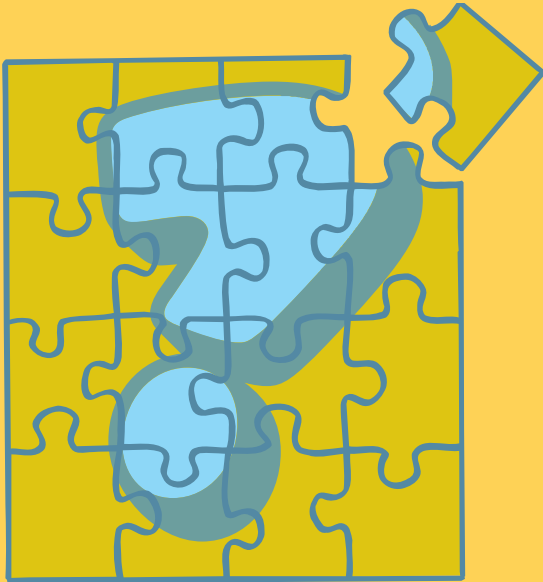
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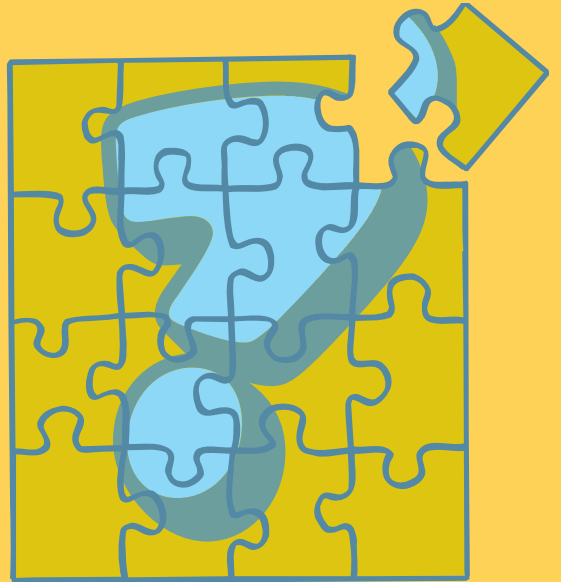
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BEDTIME PROBLEMS

Problem Situation:

It is that time of night, your parents remind you that it is time to go to bed because it is a school night. Your favourite TV show in the world is about to start in ten minutes. You pretend not to hear your parents. After all, you still want to watch a little more television even after you have been reminded to turn off the TV three times. You don't listen, you aren't ready for bed and you keep watching TV...

LUNCH TIME LIP

Problem Situation:

The lunch monitor has come by to your group's table twice to ask you all to lower your voices. You and your friends are having a great time laughing, joking and teasing people around you. Your friend decides to imitate the lunch monitor. The lunch monitor does not find this funny and she is embarrassed. Now, more of your friends begin to imitate her, too. You...

HURTING FEELINGS

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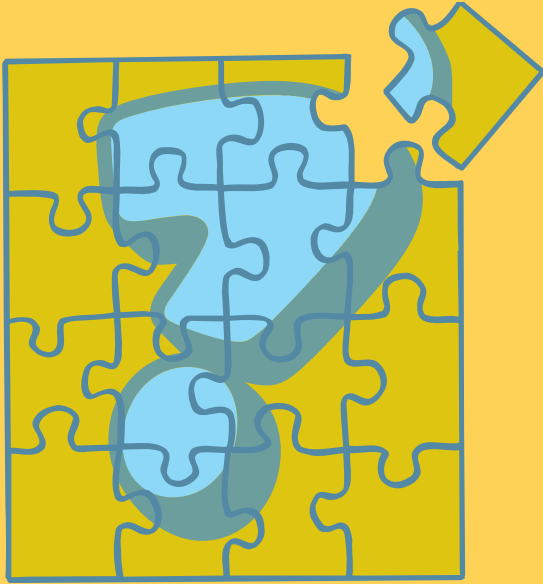
You are having a really bad day. First you forgot your lunch, and then you went to gym and only brought one running shoe so you could not play the game. When you came back to class you sat with your friend to peer edit each other's adventure stories. When you gave your friend feedback on his/her story, you told him/her that his/her story was the most boring thing you ever read and that there were so many mistakes that it looked like your baby brother had written it. Your friend worked a long time to write this draft and his/her feelings are hurt by your comments, he/she does not want to work with you anymore...

BIRTHDAY BLUES

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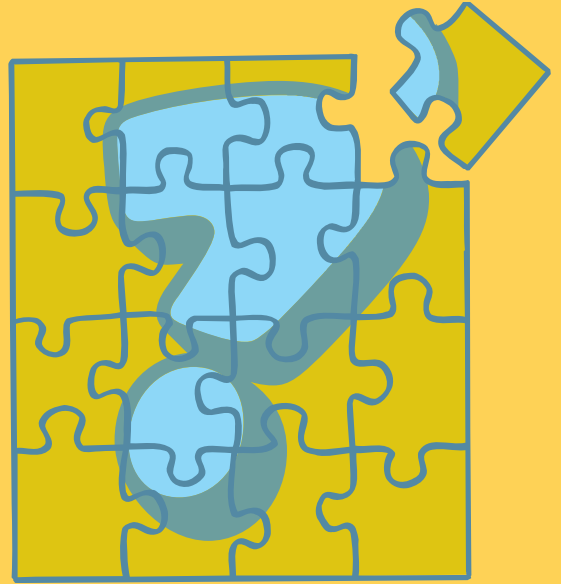
Your best friend is having a birthday party this weekend, and of course you are invited. The party is going to be a sleepover and you and your friend have been looking forward to this for months. However, the day before the party your friend tells you that she is also inviting another person from your class who you really do not like. You...

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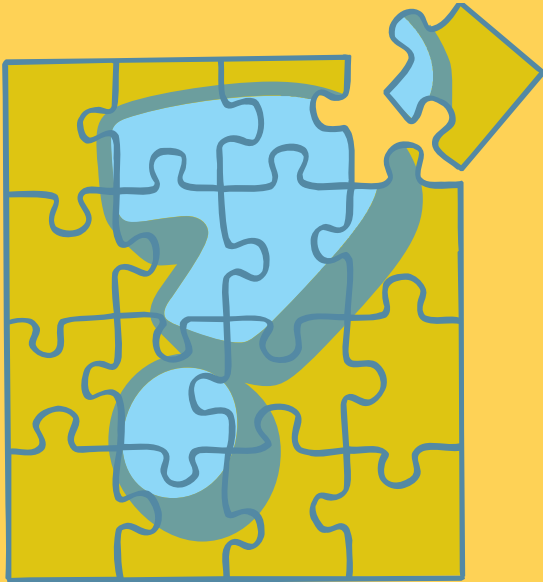
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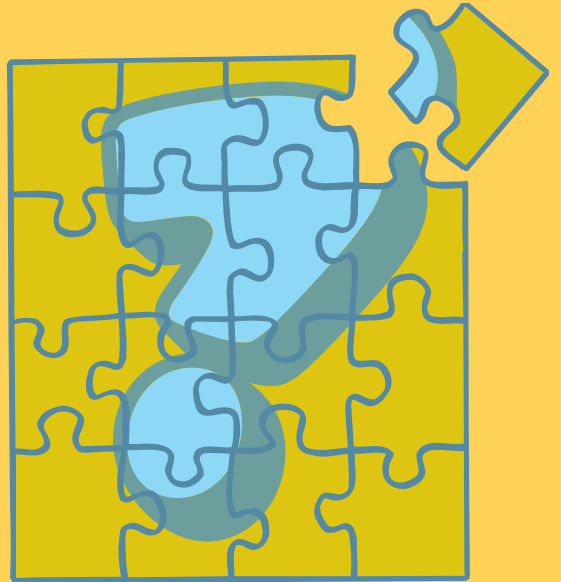
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COPY-PASTE

Problem Situation:

You had a wonderful weekend, the weather was great and you were outside with your friends from morning to night. It is bedtime Sunday evening, you are brushing your teeth when you realize that you never finished the research for the project that your group is working on tomorrow. Everyone had a job over the weekend and yours was to research the Web and write down notes on what you found. There is only one class time left to work on this and your group is relying on this information to finish the project. You know how to copy and paste from the Web. You decide to...

PARTNER WORK

Problem Situation:

Your teacher has divided up the class into partners to work on a media project. The class decides on the criteria for the project and you and your partner discuss how to share the tasks. One week goes by where you are working on the project in class and you are not happy with your partner. You tell the teacher but she asks you to try and resolve your problem with your partner and she reminds you that the project must show effort from both partners. You ask your partner to do his/her work, but he/she continues to socialize with people from other teams during class time. The project is due in two days, you...

BOOK REPORT DUPLICATE

Problem Situation:

Every term in this particular teacher's class, you write a book report for science. Your older cousin was also in this class last year and wrote four reports during the year.

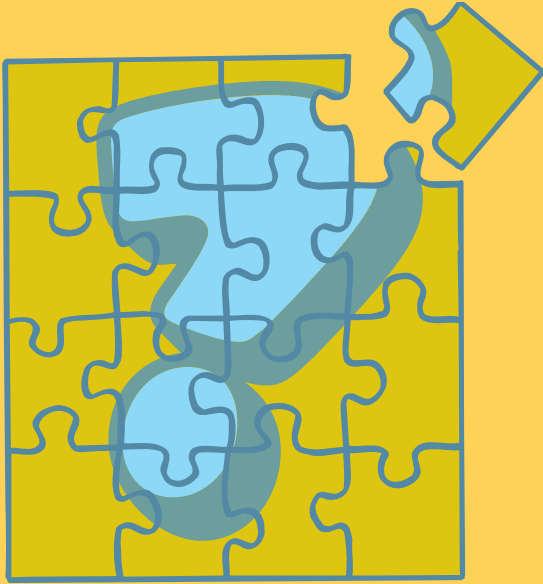
The teacher asks you to choose something to read and report on to the class so that everyone can learn about different topics. This term, you never got around to choosing something to read. You realize that it is your turn to share your report tomorrow afternoon. You...

THINGS ARE LOOKING FOGGY

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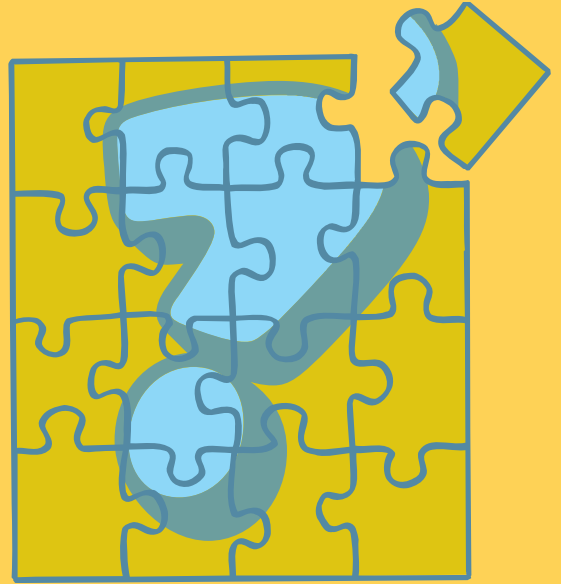
It was a usual day during math. The teacher explained a new topic, students tried a few examples with their groups and then you all worked on your own to solve other related problems. The teacher always wants to see what you can do with a group and what you can do alone. Math class is almost over and you still do not understand how to solve the problems that the class has been working on for the last fifteen minutes on their own. You have to hand in your problems in a few minutes. The person next to you is finished and has gone to the washroom and his/her paper is on his/her desk. You...

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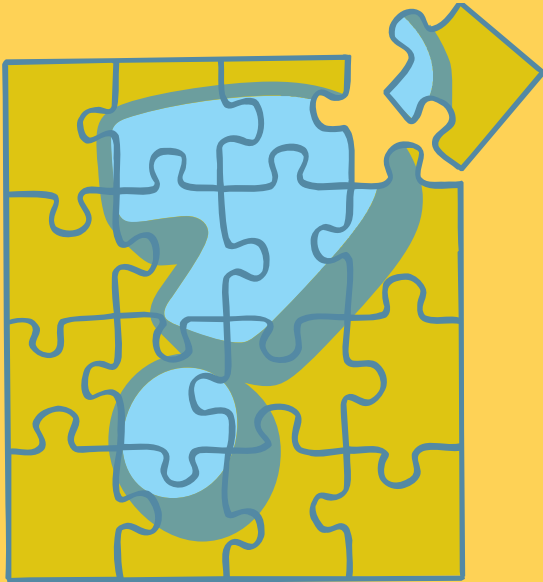
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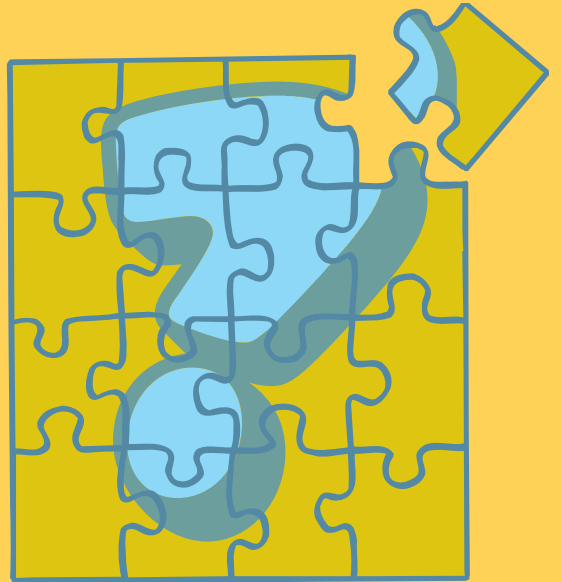
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ONE LITTLE WRAPPER

Problem Situation:

You're at the park with your friends and you are having a popsicle as you walk around. You all decide to go for a swing. You finish your popsicle but there is no garbage can in sight and you have no pockets to put the wrapper in. Your friends already threw their wrappers down and are racing for the swings. There are other wrappers on the ground and you know that there is someone who picks up garbage at the end of the week. You...

CREATE YOUR OWN SCENARIO

Problem Situation:

Describe the problem.

Who:

What:

Where:

When:

Why?

How will you approach the problem?

TAKE THAT!

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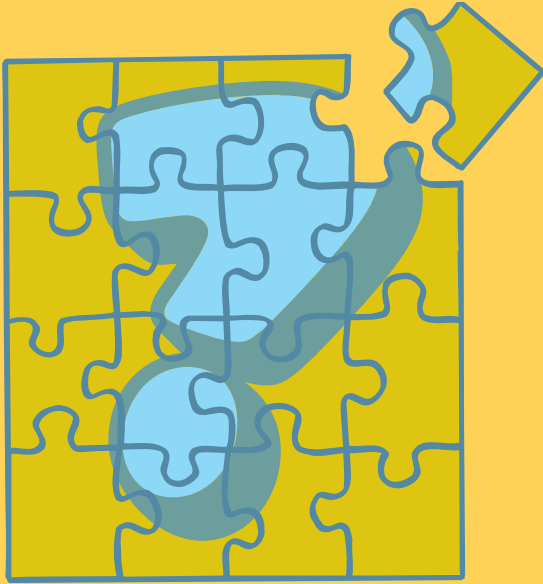
You're playing outside at recess and some boy/girl bumps into you and you fall down. You get angry and begin to chase him/her. When you catch up to him/her you decide to teach him/her a lesson. You...

MOVIE PROBLEMS

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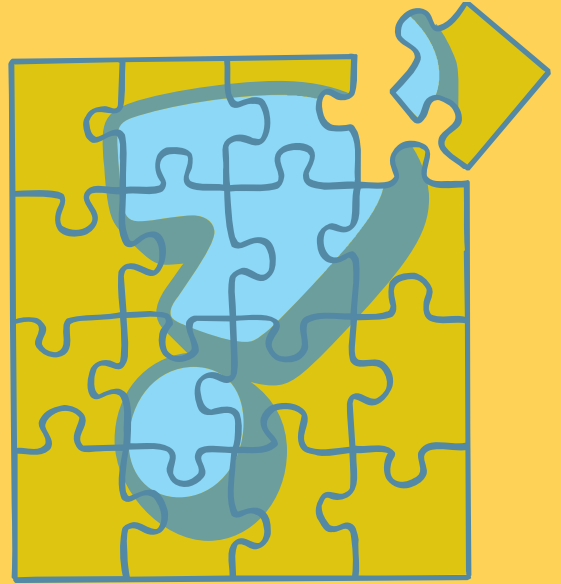
You are at your friend's house and decide to watch a movie. You realize that the movie that your friend rented is one that your parents have asked you not to watch without them because of the serious content. You...

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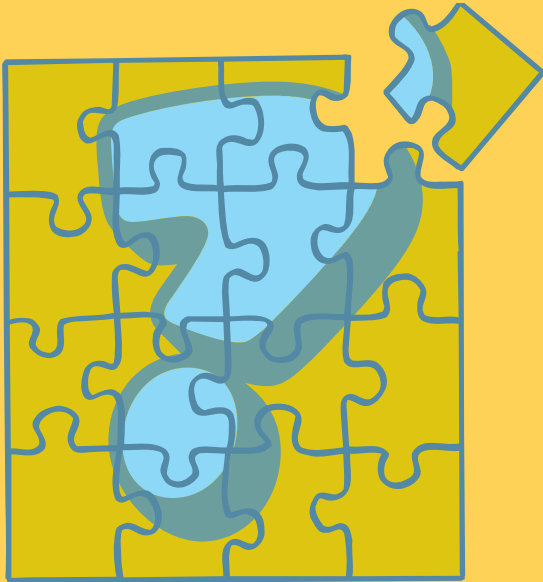
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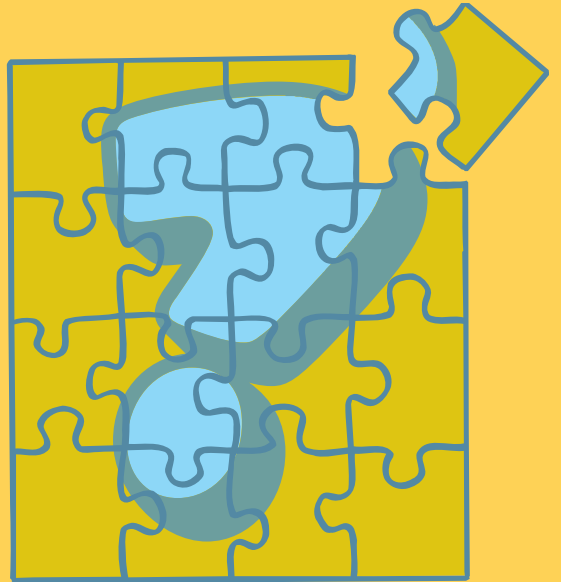
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BIG TROUBLE

Problem Situation:

Your friend tells you about a problem he/she is having that is very serious. He/she has not told anyone else and makes you promise not to tell anyone. You go back to class and cannot get what he/she told you out of your mind, you are worried. You decide to...

BUT, I *NEED* IT!

Problem Situation:

The coolest new gadget has been advertised on TV for weeks and it is finally available at your local department store. So many people at school have it; even one of the teachers has one! You ask your parents to buy you one too. They do not agree because they think the gadget is expensive and a waste of money. You ask them again, and the answer is the same. You...

SHOPPING SPREE

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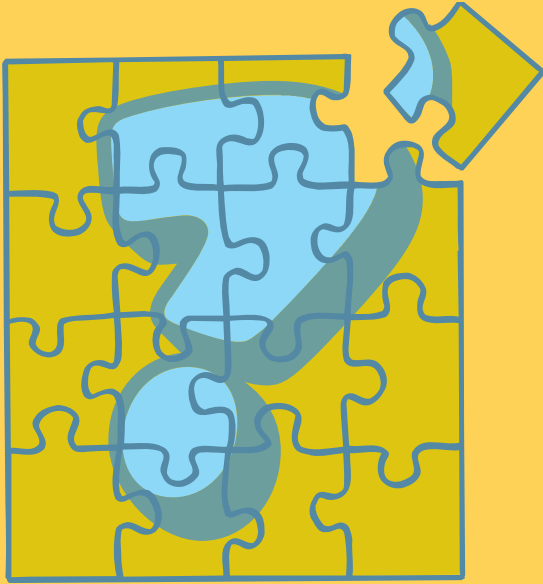
One day a year you are allowed to take a part of your birthday money to go shopping with your mom. She usually helps you decide what to buy, but this year she says that you are old enough to choose how to spend your money. So, she waits on the benches outside each store as you shop inside. You see some things that everyone has at school, you see other things that have free giveaways when you buy them, some things are on sale, and still other things with name brands that everyone wears. You...

DECISIONS, DECISIONS

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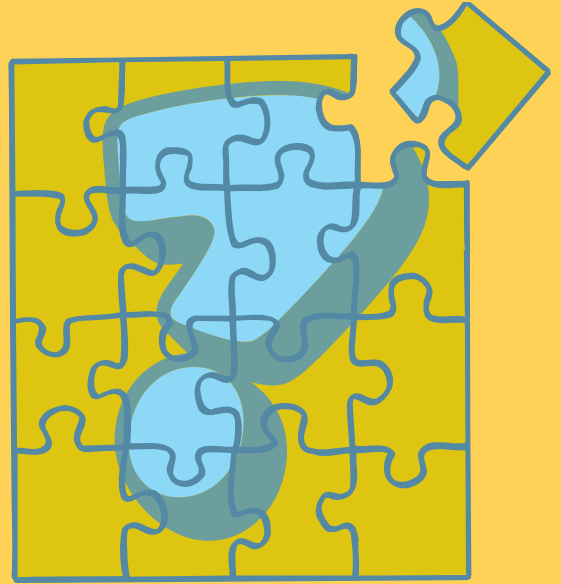
You are going to a party and want to buy your friend a board game. You end up with two games in your hand. You stand there for fifteen minutes and still cannot decide which game to buy, but you can only buy one. You...

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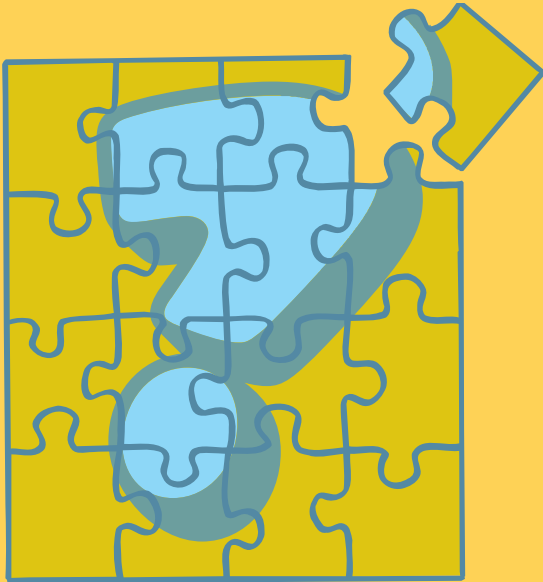
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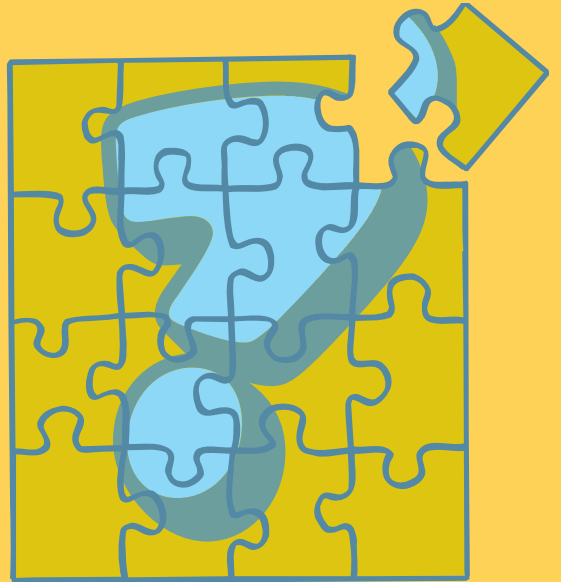
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