Choices

Approach: One to one Level: Year 4 and year 8

Resources: Video of child observing shoplifting.



Questions/instructions

In this activity we will watch a video which causes us to think about what some children are doing. The children in the video are actors. They're not really doing what you will see.

Show video, part 1

[Children meet Kirsty outside toy store.]

"Oh, hi Kirsty." "Hi Kirsty." "Hi, How are the holidays going?" "Good. I haven't seen you guys for ages." "I know, same, yeah." "I think I had better go and find a present for my sister though." "We'll help you." "Okay." "Come on then, lets go."

[Kirsty walks over to her Mum] "See ya."

[Other children spot a toy on the shelf]

"Great, hey look at these, core, neat."

[Kirsty looks at a camera with her Mum]

"Ohh, don't know, no. Don't like them, well have a look around and see if you can find something ah." "Okay, okay."

[Children with small toy] "Laurie, shall we?" "What?" "Pinch one?"

Stop Video

The two boys in the video stole a toy.

- 1. Why might the boys have done that?
- 2. What might happen if they got caught?
- 3. Now I want you to think very hard about what might happen when people don't get caught. What might happen to these boys if they didn't get caught?

Disscussion of issues:	very good	6	31
	quite good	36	49
	some ideas	56	20
	very limited	2	0

Now we'll watch some more of the video.

Show video, part 2

[Children with small toy]

"Pinch one?" "I'm not having anything to do with this I'm getting out of here."

[Laurie walks away]

"Run away, what a chicken."

Stop Video

Kerri said, "I'm not having anything to do with this. I'm getting out of here."

- 4. Do you think Kerri did the right thing?
- 5. Why do you say that?

6. What else could Kerri have done rather than walking away from the problem?

Discussion of issues:	very good	6	18
	quite good	36	49
	some ideas	57	29
	very limited	2	0

Now we'll watch the last part of the video.

Show video, part 3

[Kirsty watches as boys take the toy, then walks over to Mum at checkout with a softtoy]

"Okay. Oh thats nice Kirsty, something wrong?". "No." "You sure?" "Yeah."

Kirsty is troubled by what has happened.

- 7. What do you think Kirsty is feeling right now?
 - Prompt: Why do you say that?
- 8. Do you think Kirsty should tell on the others?

Prompt: Why do you say that?

If Kirsty did tell on the others:

Discussion of issues

- 9. What are the good things that might happen for her?
- 10. What are the really bad things that might happen for Kirsty if she told on the others?

Discussion of issues.	very good	O	41	
	quite good	36	50	
	some ideas	52	26	
	very limited	2	0	
OVERALL SCORE:	8-9	6	24	
	6-7	19	39	
	4-5	37	26	
	2-3	36	11	
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very good 8

Commentary

Year 8 students showed better understanding than year 4 students of the issues raised in this task. About 35 percent more year 8 than year 4 students scored in the highest two levels of each part and overall.