

Is It Responsible or Not?

Being responsible means that you make the right choices. Being responsible also means that people can trust you, you are dependable and when you make choices, you consider other people's thoughts and feelings.

Below are a number of scenarios written on cards. Read the answer to each scenario and decide which answer is **responsible** and which is **not responsible**.

If you think the answer is **responsible**, cut it out and place it under the RESPONSIBLE ANSWER heading. If you think the answer is **not responsible**, cut it out and place it under the NOT RESPONSIBLE ANSWER heading.

Scenario	Responsible	Not Responsible

Why do you think it is important to be responsible?

If you are not responsible, how do you think it might affect you and other people?

Scenarios

You are playing on the playground and a child in reception asks you to climb on top of the roof to get their ball.

Your best friend is messing about in the classroom and has been in trouble with the teacher already. They are trying to encourage you to mess about as well. They tell you that you have to mess about or they won't be your friend tomorrow.

You are meeting your friend after school at the skate park. It starts to rain and you don't want to go. What do you do?

You are going on a school trip and you receive a letter to give to your parents/carers which explains what you need for the day out. What do you do with that letter?

Responses

Of course you will. You want to help the child.

You tell them to stop messing about. You tell them that you won't mess about because you don't want to get into trouble and if they were a proper friend they wouldn't ask you to.

You decide not to bother going. They won't be bothered if you don't go. You think there might be other people there they can play with. You just don't turn up and leave your friend in the rain waiting for you.

You get the letter straight out of your bag and help your parents/carers organise the things you need for the trip.

You tell them that it would be dangerous to climb on the roof. However, you will take them to the teacher and tell them that they have lost their ball.

You are desperate to stay friends with them so you start to mess about and get into trouble. You end up being sent out of class.

Yes, it's raining but you have arranged to meet your friend. You don't want to let them down. You will go and tell them that you don't want to stay long and then your friend can decide what they want to do.

You leave the letter at the bottom of your bag and forget it's there until your parent/carer reminds you. This means that they have to go to the supermarket the night before the trip to make sure you have got everything you need.