



TO DO OR NOT TO DO

Oftentimes we are confronted by a situation that requires a decision of us in a split second. We either say something or do something, or we do nothing. Given below are seven situations that occur fairly often to most of us. You may have had one or two of these experiences yourself. Consider each situation thoughtfully and then explain what the “kind” reaction would be.

1. Is it kind to point out that someone has a spot on his or her jacket or say nothing?

Explain. _____

2. Is it kind to correct someone who has introduced you with the wrong name or to remain silent and save the person embarrassment? Explain. _____

3. Is it kind to offer to help someone who has considerable difficulty getting through swinging doors in her wheelchair? Why or why not? _____

4. Is it kind to fill in a word or phrase when someone talking gets stuck and can't finish his or her sentence? Explain. _____

5. Is it kind to turn away and ignore a squabble between two friends when you know that you can clear up the dispute with a few words? Why or why not? _____

6. When you are asked for an opinion, is it kind to refrain from telling your friend that the color of the shirt on him or her is anything but flattering? Why or why not? _____

7. Is it kind to tell a terrifically funny story about a friend even though you know it will embarrass him or her? Explain. _____

What if you preface your story by asking your friend if he or she minds? Explain. _____

Now What?