

IS YOUR ROLE MODEL ETHICAL?

Sometimes people we admire have many good qualities and sometimes they don't. It's important to figure out what good qualities to imitate and avoid imitating the negative qualities. Ethical behaviors are positive ways to get along with others that don't hurt others and instead help them.

NAME OF ROLE MODEL:

Look over these "ethical checklists" and check the behaviors that you've observed in your role model.

SENSITIVITY

- Noticed other people's points of view
- Noticed other people's feelings
- Expressed emotions appropriately
- Expressed concern or sympathy for others
- Worked well with people that are different
- Noticed prejudiced actions of others
- Considered many possible options
- Considered the consequences of actions
- Considered how others would react or be affected

JUDGMENT

- Tried to understand a problem before deciding
- Used logic to solve a problem
- Used reasoning to think about a social problem
- Weighed all the options and their consequences
- Considered rules when making a decision
- Reflected on the decision afterward
- Planned how to carry out a decision
- Was optimistic about solving a problem

Which types of judgments did you observe in the decisions of the role model?

- Made decision based on wanting to avoid getting into trouble and getting punished
- Made decision based on what they got personally
- Made decision based on maintaining friendship
- Made decision based on rules or laws
- Made decision based on principles or ideals

MOTIVATION

- Respected others
- Thought about own conscience in making decisions
- Acted responsibly
- Considered how personally important it is to be ethical
- Considered ethical expectations of others
- Helped others
- Was unselfish
- Made peace
- Cooperated
- Valued traditions and social structures
- Resisted temptation
- Thought about one's integrity
- Followed through on commitments and obligations

ACTION

- Tried to help someone or keep them from harm
- Broke a plan into different steps
- Was persistent even when there were obstacles
- Communicated well
- Resolved conflicts and problems
- Acted assertively
- Took initiative as a leader
- Had courage
- Worked hard

DISCUSSION

1. What positive, ethical behaviors can you imitate from this person? How could you do that?
2. What could the person have done differently?
3. What are negative behaviors NOT to learn from this person?
4. How could the person behave more ethically?