

Grade 8 Life Orientation Worksheet

Relationships - case study

Read the following passage:

It had started well. Ntombi and Lungile hit it off on their first day at camp. Ntombi spotted a kindred spirit in Lungile when they bumped into each other, both trying to hide at the back of the campers rather than be chosen to do the obstacle course demonstration. They giggled at the same jokes and enjoyed the same activities. They were the only two campers who had brought their books along to read! They found they had a lot to chat about and when camp was over, their friendship continued at school. They made play dates and movie dates and shared news and gossip. They spoke on the telephone for ages even after seeing each other all day at school. They supported each other in tests and exams and made study dates. Ntombi was a good swimmer and Lungile sat on the side and cheered for her friend in the galas.

One day, Lungile asked Ntombi to help her with a school project she had been struggling with. Ntombi had been invited to a movie with a boy that she liked and wanted to go. She felt bad to tell Lungile that she was going to a movie instead of helping her, so she lied. She said that she had to go somewhere with her parents and therefore could not help Lungile.

Lungile's brother went to the same movie and later teased Lungile that she was a slow worker and had to do homework when everybody else was out having fun.

Lungile felt betrayed and decided that she would not speak to Ntombi anymore. The friendship was over.

Activity 1: Passage and questions

Did you notice that there were three parts to this relationship? There was the part where the friendship was initiated, then the part where the friendship was sustained and then the part where the friendship ended.

1. Look up the meaning of the following words in your dictionary: initiate, sustain. [2]
2. How was this friendship initiated? Use your own words. [2]
3. How was this friendship sustained? Use your own words. [2]
4. Why did the friendship end? Use your own words. [3]
5. In order to save the friendship, what could Ntombi have done differently? [3]
6. In order to save the friendship, what could Lungile have done differently? [3]

Total: 15 marks

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Suggested Solutions

Question number	Possible marks	Solution
1	2	Initiate: start something. Admit a person as a member of a society or group. Sustain: Support. Keep something happening.
2	2	The girls made friends at camp, realising they liked to do the same things. They loved reading and chatting and got along very well.
3	2	When they got back to school, they maintained their friendship with good communication. They saw each other often, spoke often and supported each other in study, sports and socially.
4	3	The friendship ended because Lungile asked Ntombi for help on a project. Ntombi lied and said she had things to do with her parents, when instead she was going to the movies with a boy. When Lungile found out she was very hurt and ended the friendship.
5	3	Ntombi should have been honest with her friend. She is entitled to a life separate from her friend and should not have felt bad about accepting a movie date. She should have explained and offered to help later or make up for it some other way. She is also not responsible for Lungile's project, so she did not need to feel guilty.
6	3	Lungile should have understood why Ntombi might have told the lie and realised that it was because she felt guilty. Lungile should have spoken to Ntombi and told her that she is hurt that Ntombi lied to her and explained to her that it was not necessary, as she is entitled to a social life separate to her friendship with Lungile.
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