Decisions, Decisions . . .

Directions: Read each scenario. As a group, discuss options and solutions for the person. Be prepared to discuss answers in class. As an individual assignment, write a paragraph for each response.

A. MILLIE will miss work Friday to take her daughter to the hearing specialist in a nearby town. She told one of her fellow employees where she would be in case she was needed. She didn’t say anything to her employer.

What do you think of her actions? Why?

B. MARIE works with a close friend in the shipping department of a large store. The two of them are responsible for shipping out all merchandise that is ordered. For the past two weeks, Marie’s friend has been taking long, unscheduled coffee breaks when there was plenty of work left to do. Marie has been doing the work for the two of them during these breaks. (If she doesn’t do the work, the orders would get backed up and other people could lose their jobs.) Marie has tried to hint to her friend about the problem, but all the friend says is, “You worry too much. The job will get done.”

What should Marie do?

C. JOHN works for the Bellinger Construction Company as a construction worker. He has been on the job for one month. John’s boss, Mr. Smith, has to leave the worksite for two hours to attend a meeting. He puts John in charge, with specific instructions to complete (in two hours) a ditch that is 17 feet long, 9 feet wide, and 3 feet deep. There are eight co-workers John must supervise to get the job done. As soon as Mr. Smith leaves the worksite, John’s co-workers sit down and begin to play cards.

What should John do?