Your best friend comes to your birthday party and gives you your present. It is an appalling hat. Your best friend is clearly delighted with the purchase and asks you what you think. Do you tell her the truth?

Write the answer in your draft books

Think: Do you know what this situation is called where there is no right or wrong answer?
What is a moral dilemma?

Lesson Objective: To examine the nature of moral dilemmas

BRIDGES: Honesty
Copy these down:

• Moral: something that is *right* and *good*
• Immoral: something *wrong* and *bad*
• Moral Dilemma: A problem with no clear right or wrong solution
Sometimes it seems that whatever you do that something good will happen and something bad will happen!

This is a **moral dilemma**!

Doing what is right  \[\rightarrow\]  Bad outcome

Doing what is wrong  \[\rightarrow\]  Good outcome
Your ship goes down and you’re lost in the sea with two others, all of you in a life raft. You have no food. Without a supply of food, there’s no hope of rescue before you starve to death. Two would survive by eating the third: otherwise, all three will die. What do you do?

A: All die as you don’t want to eat anyone

B: Eat one of the people to survive
What would you do?
Write an answer to the moral dilemma in your draft book

You are close to a breakthrough with a new medical treatment, but to complete your work you must carry out a lot of particularly slow and painful experiments on animals. What do you do?

A: Test on animals and potentially help humans
B: Don’t test on animals and let humans die
C: Test on humans but risk them dying
These examples are to get you thinking about moral dilemmas and that there is no right or wrong answer.

Usually your answer is just a judgement call that you make and someone else might make a different judgement to you, this is what makes a moral dilemma so difficult.
Subtitle: Story of Abraham and Isaac

Sometimes a story involving a moral dilemma can teach us valuable lessons. Christians use the story of Abraham as one example from the Christian holy book, the Bible.

In the story Abraham is asked by God to sacrifice his only son, Isaac.

Activities to complete:
1. Watch the clip about Abraham and Isaac and make notes in your draft book. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhP8CKH7Bbg
2. Complete a 6 part storyboard on the story of Abraham and Isaac. Make sure to include pictures and descriptions.
3. Explain the moral dilemma in the story.
The moral dilemma is...
4. Explain what you would have done if you were in the position of Abraham with reasons.
If I was Abraham I would...
I would do this because...
Plenary: Spelling test in draft books

1. Moral
2. Plato
3. Belief
4. Immoral
5. Religion
6. Dilemma
7. Philosopher
8. Socrates
9. Diogenes
10. Aristotle

Revise over the spellings on this page and then get a parent/carer or sibling to read them out to you like a normal spelling test.

Then give yourself a mark out of 10