

## Should I share my pizza?

Today I have some stories to share with you. We'll be doing lots of thinking in question time, and we'll be hearing from other children, too.

In this lesson we are going to be thinking about sharing, and to get us started, we'll be exploring a scenario about Sergio and Lilly.

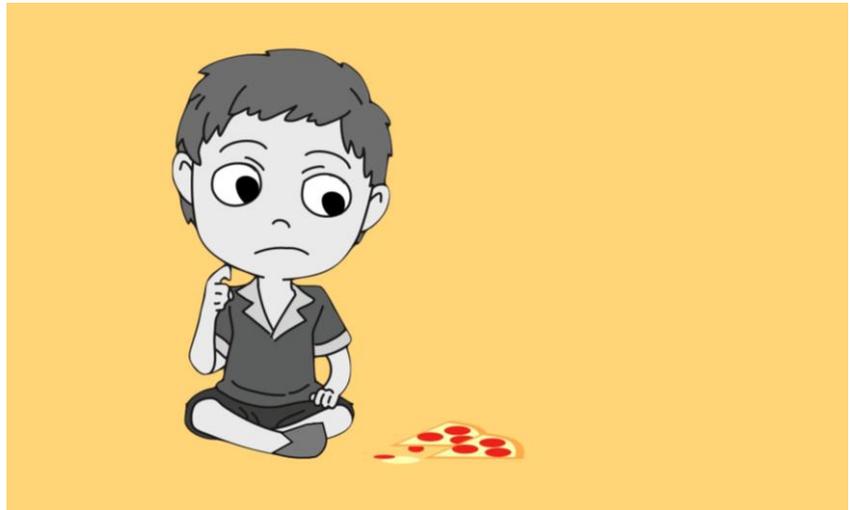
Sergio plays football for his local club. He's in the under-9 team. They have just played the last match of the season, and the coach is taking all the players for a picnic in the park.

They're having pizza. Now the coach is handing around the pizza. Everyone gets two big slices. And everyone is hungry, so they all start eating straight away.

Sergio is sitting next to a girl he doesn't really know. None of the other kids seem to know her either – she's new to the team and she keeps pretty much to herself. All Sergio knows about her is her name... it's 'Lilly'.

Sergio is so busy eating that he pays no attention to Lilly. But after a while he looks up and notices that Lilly is just sitting there looking sad with an empty plate in her hand. And then he sees why.

On the ground in front of Lilly are two slices of pizza – or what's left of them. Bits of ham and cheese and tomato and salami are spread out in the dirt. Lilly has dropped her pizza before she's had a single bite. But Sergio still has one slice of pizza left.



*Should Sergio share his pizza with Lilly?*

*What do you think? Can you say why you think that?*

Let's listen to what some other children have said.



**Fraser:** No, why should Sergio share his pizza, it's not his fault... and he hardly knows this kid!

**Mac:** Yes I think Sergio should share his pizza with Lilly, he's eaten one slice and there's one more left. If I dropped all my pizza I would hope someone might share with me.

**Emma:** Well... Sergio may not know her very well, but Lilly is part of the team so I think he should share.

**Fraser:** Why should it just be Sergio who shares – there are lots of other kids there.

Okay, in the story, Sergio didn't see Lilly drop her pizza, so he doesn't know what happened.



*What if Sergio did know?*

*What if Sergio had seen Lilly fooling and he knows that's why she dropped her pizza on the ground?*

*If that was the case, should Sergio share his pizza with Lilly?*

What do some other children think about this?



**Fraser:** No, Lilly needs to learn a lesson – this is what happens if you're silly.

**Emma:** She's already learnt her lesson. It says in the story that Lilly's sad, so I don't think she should have to go hungry.

**Mac:** But Sergio might be really hungry...



*Okay ... what if Sergio is really hungry ... does that make it okay not to share his pizza with Lilly?*

Let's hear what some other children are thinking.



**Emma:** Well, he could give Lilly half a slice.

**Fraser:** Sergio's already had one slice, so he can't be as hungry as Lilly.

**Emma:** I don't think you have to share your stuff if you really need it yourself.

So let's think about a slightly different situation...



*What if it wasn't Lilly who dropped her pizza but Sergio's best friend.*

*Would that make a difference?*

*Should Sergio share his pizza with his best friend?*

*What do you think?*

What do some other children think about this?



**Fraser:** Yes, if it's your best friend you sort of have to look out for them.

**Mac:** If it's your best friend, they would probably share with you, so you should share with them.

**Emma:** It shouldn't matter if it's your best friend or not. If sharing is the right thing to do, then you should share with whoever needs it.

To help us think more about sharing and whether we would share or not share, in this next scenario Charlie asks her best friend an important question...

This week is Book Week. Alaya loves Book Week and so do most of the other kids in her class. On Friday, everyone will come dressed as a character from their favourite book, and read a little bit of the story to the rest of the class. Last year, Alaya came as *Cat in the Hat* by Dr Seuss. She and her mum made the costume together and she read the story before bed the night before the parade.

This year her favourite character is the Elf in the *Elf on the Shelf*. She already has most of her costume ready. She's borrowed her older brother's red track pants and red sweatshirt, and his red socks; she's dug out the red Santa hat from the Christmas box and, she's borrowed a pair of white gloves from her grandma. She plans to carry her book and a stuffed reindeer toy.

Now all she has to do is cut out the white collar from the piece of white felt in the craftbox at home and, just in case the felt can't be found, Alaya has decided she could use an old white pillow case. Alaya thinks this is going to be her greatest Book Week yet. 'I might even win first prize,' she thinks.

Charlie is Alaya's best friend. Charlie's really good at swimming, and she spends lots of time practising - in fact, she goes to the pool most days after school and doesn't have much time for anything else. And she always goes to bed early, because swimming so much makes her tired. Now Alaya is telling Charlie about her costume. 'It sounds great,' Charlie says. 'I'll have to start thinking about mine. I'm way behind - I haven't even worked out what character to be. And there's only two days to go.'

Next day, Charlie and Alaya are sitting together, at lunch time, when Charlie says, in a voice that doesn't sound quite like hers, 'Alaya, I need to ask you a favour.' 'Sure,' says Alaya 'you know you're my best friend.'

'It's about tomorrow's Book Week,' Charlie says. 'I'm not really ready. But I thought maybe I could dress up as Elf on the Shelf too. But I don't have a red hat - can I borrow your red hat and you can maybe make another one for yourself because I won't have time. .... Please?'

Alaya looks worried and says, 'But the Book Week Parade is tomorrow and I have to make my white collar tonight...and how will I make a hat as well? '



*Should Alaya let Charlie have the red hat for her costume? What do you think?  
Why do you think that?*

Let's hear what the other children are thinking.



**Emma:** I don't think so. Alaya has thought really hard about her costume and she would really like to win the prize for the best costume.

**Fraser:** Yeh, if she doesn't have her red hat it won't look as good. Charlie shouldn't have left it to the last minute.

**Emma:** Yeh...I don't know, maybe Charlie's just too tired to do anything much and she has to go to bed early because of her swimming practice.

**Mac:** Charlie is Alaya's best friend...

**Fraser:** But Charlie isn't being a very good friend - she's already copied Alaya's idea of Elf on the Shelf.

I wonder what you are thinking?



*Do you think Alaya should let Charlie have the red hat?  
Why do you think that?*

We've been thinking about sharing and whether the circumstances matter when deciding whether or not you share.

Sergio had to decide whether he should share his pizza with Lilly. Would it make a difference if we know why Lilly had dropped her slices of pizza? And would it make a difference if it had been Sergio's best friend who had dropped his slices of pizza?

Alaya had to decide whether or not to share her Book Week costume with her best friend. Should it make a difference if her friend had left it too late to make her own costume?

We heard some really interesting ideas today!

Thank you for being part of this. You might like to keep thinking about sharing, about who you would share with and why, and have a talk to your family and friends about what they think, too.

Maybe you could have a talk to your family and friends to see what they think, too.

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