



# Mosswood Connections

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## Critical Thinking and Executive Functioning Questions and Scenarios to Promote Problem Solving Skills

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### Community Skills

- ✓ You need a new library card. How do you apply for a library card? Where can you find that information?
- ✓ You have an overdue book from the library. What should you do?
- ✓ You want to go to the movies. How do you find out what movies are playing at your local movie theater?
- ✓ Your favorite dinner is pizza. Your mom or dad said that you can order a pizza. How do you order a pizza? Act it out or write out the steps.
- ✓ Your mother took you to the store to buy toothpaste. How do you choose which one you want?

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- ✓ You bought something from the store that is either defective or no longer needed. How do you return this item to the store?
- ✓ Can you figure out how to get to \_\_\_\_\_(insert familiar place.) without using google maps or other GPS directions software. (Hint: Use a map.)

## School and Educational Skills

- ✓ You forgot to bring your lunch to school. What should you do?
- ✓ You do not understand your homework assignment. What can you do?
- ✓ It's almost your bedtime and you just remembered that you have homework due tomorrow. What should you do?
- ✓ You are taking a test and there is no talking allowed. You are writing your answers on the paper and your pencil breaks. What could you do?



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- ✓ You want to ask one of your teachers a question about your homework. How can you email or contact them? Write a pretend email.

## **Life Skills**

- ✓ Why is it important to get enough sleep? What would happen if you did not get enough sleep? What can you do to make sure that you get enough sleep?
- ✓ You want to raise some money to buy a new game. Your mother tells you that you will need to earn the money yourself. You decide to sell cookies. What will you need for your cookie stand?
- ✓ The dog is sick. What is your emergency pet plan?
- ✓ You need some clothes washed. How do you wash a load of laundry? Can you act out, write down, or actually do all the steps involved?



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- ✓ Your cousin needs to know how to make a peanut butter sandwich. **C**an you make a video showing him or her how to make the sandwich and then send the video to him or her?
- ✓ It's your turn to make dinner. **C**an you find a recipe for your favorite dinner?
- ✓ It's your turn to cook dinner. **M**ake a grocery list of the items you will need to cook dinner.
- ✓ **M**ake an instructional video on how to play your favorite game.
- ✓ **C**an you set up an email account?
- ✓ You wake up and see that your alarm never went off. **S**o you are starting your morning 15 minutes later than you planned. It is a really important day at school and you cannot be late.  
What could you do?
- ✓ You forgot your jacket at school. You are worried that your parents will be mad. **W**hat should you do?



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- ✓ Why is it important to exercise? What would happen if you did not get enough exercise? What can you do to make sure that you get enough exercise?

## **Social Skills**

- ✓ There is a new student at school. Can you explain the rules of tag to them? (This is fun to act out with a partner.)
- ✓ Your friends came over to your house for a movie night. One of your friends brought another friend so there are more people than you planned for. You want to pass out the drinks but you only have five cans of soda and you need 6 for everyone to have one. What could you do?
- ✓ You really want to invite this new girl/guy to come over for a playdate, but you don't know them that well. You are worried they will say no. What could you do?



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- ✓ You want to go to the movies. How do you find out what movies are playing at your local movie theater?