

Course: Advanced

Level 3

Day №13

***Is abortion legal
in your country?***

***What are the laws
concerning abortion?***



Situation: Mali has learned that she is pregnant, but she isn't ready to have a baby. What should she do?
Read about her problem.

My name is Mali. I'm only 19 years old, but I'm facing an impossible decision. I've been dating my boyfriend Lee for three months. A few days ago, I learned that I'm six weeks pregnant. I was so shocked and I don't know what to do.

I love children and hope to have a family. But I don't know Lee that well and I'm not sure if I really want to marry him. I haven't told him that I'm pregnant because I'm not sure how he would react. He might deny any responsibility. Would he offer to marry me? I'm not sure.

My parents would be horrified if they learned that I am pregnant. They might even tell me to leave the house. They are rather traditional and probably wouldn't understand. If that happened and Lee didn't want to marry me, I would be at a total loss. I have no idea where I could go or what I could do.

Another problem is school. I would have to quit university to take care of the baby. Since Lee is also a student, he might have to quit school, too.

My best friend Lena thinks that I should get an abortion. She says that the baby will not be happy with such a difficult family life. She says I made a mistake but that I shouldn't ruin my life by bringing a baby into an unhappy situation. If I get an abortion, I can continue my life as though nothing had happened. It would be my little secret.

My head tells me that this might be the best solution, but my heart is torn. In my heart, I believe that abortion is wrong and normally, I'm against it. I can't imagine taking the life away from a baby before it's born. Could I forgive myself? Will I regret it if I don't? Should I ask Lee about it? Should I tell my parents? The only thing I know for sure is that I can't wait long before deciding.

Expressions encountered

What are the meanings of these expressions?

Do they have a negative or positive connotation?

Horrified

Deny responsibility

At a total loss

As though nothing has happened

My heart is torn

Review the situation

Let's answer the following circle a, b, or c.

1. Who knows about Mali's pregnancy?

a. just her family b. just her boyfriend c. no one

2. How does Mali feel about her boyfriend?

a. She loves him a lot b. She wants to marry him c. She's not sure if she loves him

3. How does Mali feel about being pregnant?

a. confused and worried b. angry c. surprised but happy

4. Why is Mali worried about her family's reaction?

a. They are traditional b. They told her not to have a boyfriend c. She doesn't get along with them.

5. What is Mali going to do about her pregnancy?

a. Get an abortion b. Keep the baby c. She doesn't know

Let's have your opinion...



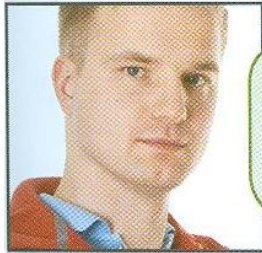
What do you think is the end of the story?

What do you think will happen to Mali?

Do you agree with them?



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Susan: I'm afraid that Mali will regret having an abortion if she does.



Luis: Mali and Lee should get married and bring up the baby together.

Ken	has	a good argument.
		a strong point.
Yeah,	I think	so too.
		he's right.
Really?	I	don't think so.
		disagree with him.

Indirect speech

- is like reporting; do not repeat exactly every word that was said.
- change the tense of the words spoken as what has been said is already in the past.
- make changes to pronouns and other changes where necessary.
- quotation marks are not used.
- we use our own words to repeat what the speaker said.

He **said** to me, "You can't have an abortion!" (Direct speech)

He **told** me not to have an abortion. (Indirect speech)

She **said** to me, "You should tell your parents." (Direct speech)

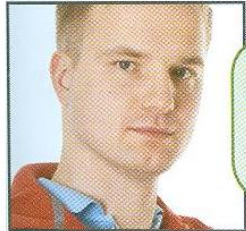
She **told** me to tell my parents. (Indirect speech)

What did he/she say?

Try to report what each of them said. Write your sentences on the blanks.



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The big question: to abort, or not to abort



Life is indeed precious.

But when does life exactly begin?

According to scientists, life begins as soon as the egg is fertilized. So abortion even during the early stages of pregnancy would be like murder (the taking away of a life).

What do you think?

***Thank you for
today!***

***I'm looking forward to
seeing you again!***