
LESSON B

Relationships and Transportation

FOCUS: Distinguish how human relationships are affected by transportation needs.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Students will identify the positive and negative effects that transportation needs have on relationships. Ask the class, "What relationships do you have that are affected by your transportation decisions?" Give the students 1-2 minutes to write down an answer. As a class compile a list of relationships such as: parents, friends, school, police officers, other drivers, etc. Use Student Handout, "Transportation and Relationships."

Transportation & Relationships

Your transportation decisions have positive and/or negative effects on relationships you have with other people.

As you anticipate being on your own, what relationships do you have that will be affected by your transportation decisions?

Read through each of the following scenarios. After each one write down how you think the relationship would be affected.

Scenario A

Your friend had a car and picked you up every morning for school so you didn't have to ride a bus. Every day for two weeks he has had to wait for you because you slept in. Your friend received a 'D' slip for tardies, but your teacher didn't send you one. Your friend's use of the car is conditional upon good grades for better insurance rates.

How would your relationship be affected? Why?

Scenario B

Your parents allowed you to take the car for an afternoon. You promised you would be back in time for them to be at an appointment. You didn't show up until 45 minutes after they were to be at the appointment.

How was the relationship affected? Why?

Scenario C

Your girlfriend's Dad volunteered to let you take his Lincoln Continental to the Junior Prom. You agreed to wash it and bring it home by 12:30 a.m. Not only were you home by 12:15 a.m., but you waxed it and replaced the gas you used.

How was the relationship affected? Why?

Scenario D

Your roommate allowed you to borrow his car to take your girlfriend home. You didn't lock the doors while you just ran in for a few minutes. The car was vandalized. His stereo and CD's were taken as well as his briefcase with 6 college library books, and a 25-page term paper he had just completed.

How was the relationship affected? Why?

Here's a BIG hint. Relationships due to good transportation decisions are easier to maintain than negative ones are to correct.

Think of a relationship that you have affected because of a poor transportation decision.

Work with a partner and think of some ways to improve the relationship.