



Solange's Survival Game

Imagine you come from Brazil. You are very poor and live with your family on a rubbish dump. Play this game to see if you could survive living there, making sure you stay healthy, happy and safe.

Solange's Survival Scenarios:

1. Solange is working on the dump recycling bottles when a policeman appears. Should she:

 - a. Run away?
 - b. Stay where she is?
2. Solange is enjoying playing on the dump. Her mum tells her she needs to come home before 5:30pm. Does Solange obey her mum?

 - a. Yes
 - b. No
3. A gang member who is Solange's age asks if she wants to join her gang – she tells her they earn a lot of money and have protection from other gangs. Should Solange:

 - a. Make friends and join the gang?
 - b. Go straight home?
4. Solange has the chance to tell Patricia the Project Worker at Passage House about something that has been upsetting her. Should Solange trust Patricia to tell her how she feels?

 - a. Yes
 - b. No
5. Solange is really hungry and she finds some food on the dump. Should she:

 - a. Eat it
 - b. Leave the food alone
6. Solange lives and works on the rubbish dump where she recycles bottles to earn money for the family. But she misses out on school when working on the dump and feels sad. Should she:

 - a. Stop working on the dump and go to school
 - b. Carry on working on the dump and not go to school.





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Consequences of Scenario 1:

A: It is illegal for children to work on rubbish dumps in Brazil. Solange doesn't want the police to catch her because she is scared they will take her away from her mum, and put her in a children's care home.

- Happiness points - 5
- Health points - 3
- Safety points - 5

B: It is illegal for children to work on rubbish dumps in Brazil. If the police catch any children working on the dump they can take them away from their families to a care home. The Government want the police to do this, because they believe it's better than working on the dump. But Solange would be very unhappy, because she would be away from her mum.

- Happiness points - 1
- Health points - 3
- Safety points - 3

Consequences of Scenario 2:

A: Solange might be happier playing for longer outside and not listening to her mum, but the dump is a dangerous place after dark. That's why Solange's mum wants her to come home before 5:30pm.

- Happiness points - 1
- Health points - 3
- Safety points - 5

B: Solange might be happier playing for longer outside and not listening to her mum, but the dump is a dangerous place after dark. That's why Solange's mum wants her to come home before 5:30pm.

- Happiness points - 3
- Health points - 3
- Safety points - 1

Consequences of Scenario 3:

A: Although Solange and her family could earn more money and have protection from a gang, they will be in danger. Once you join a gang, you will have enemies from other gangs.

- Happiness points - 3
- Health points - 2
- Safety points - 1

B: Solange would be safer and happier not being in a gang as her family will not get into trouble or get hurt by other gangs in the area.

- Happiness points - 3
- Health points - 3
- Safety points - 5



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Consequences of Scenario 4:

A: When you share a problem with someone you trust, it can be very good for you. You can find out how to make the situation better and feel much happier afterwards!

- Happiness points - 5
- Health points - 4
- Safety points - 4

B: When you don't share how you feel with someone you trust, you can end up feeling very unhappy, as your feelings are being bottled up inside.

- Happiness points - 0
- Health points - 2
- Safety points - 3

Consequences of Scenario 5:

A: Eating food will make Solange happy, but the food could be unsafe for her. If the food is bad, she could get sick and her mum can't afford to take her to the doctor.

- Happiness points - 4
- Health points - 2
- Safety points - 3

B: Solange won't get ill from eating food that might be rotten, but she will still feel very hungry.

- Happiness points - 2
- Health points - 3
- Safety points - 3

Consequences of Scenario 6:

A: Although Solange will be getting an education, her family will struggle to buy food and could end up going hungry.

- Happiness points - 4
- Health points - 1
- Safety points - 3

B: Solange will be helping her family by earning money so they can afford to buy food. However, she will miss out on having a better future if she doesn't have an education.

- Happiness points - 1
- Health Points - 4
- Safety points - 3

YOU'VE MADE IT!

How many points did you get? Did you help Solange take the right actions? What were the best and worst decisions that you made?

Now you have made it through Solange's Survival Game, you can see how Solange has to make difficult choices that have consequences in her everyday life. Happily, Solange now goes to a project funded with money raised through Sport Relief called Passage House which keeps her safe, happy and healthy. Passage House allows Solange to play in safety, teaches her how to look after herself and gives her good food to eat. The project is also helping Solange join a school, as well as making sure the family can afford to buy enough food for them all.