

THE HALLOWEEN PARTY MYSTERY**Handy Dandy Guide**

1. People *choose* to do the things they think are best for them.
2. People's choices have *costs*.
3. People choose to do things for which they are *rewarded*.
4. People create *rules* that affect our choices and how we act.
5. People gain when they freely decide to *trade* with one another.
6. People's choices today have *future results*.

The Mystery

Kelly is a senior at GVSU. Since it is Kelly's last year with her friends, she wants to have fun. Kelly also knows that it is important to keep studying hard to raise her overall GPA. On Saturday night, Kelly's friends are going downtown for a Halloween party, but Kelly has a big exam on Monday in her hardest math class. She knows that she has to study for the exam in order to do well, but she also does not want to miss the opportunity to make memories with her friends. Kelly decides to go to the Halloween party instead of studying.

Why would Kelly decide to go to the Halloween party when she has a hard exam on Monday?

True or False Clues

Read each statement and mark it true (T) or false (F).

1. Kelly wants to raise her GPA this semester. TRUE
2. Kelly does not like to have fun on the weekends. FALSE
3. Missing time to hang out with your friends to study seems like a punishment. TRUE
4. Students grades tend to suffer because of the choices they make outside of school. TRUE

The Solution

Solve the mystery, using the clues and ideas from the *Handy Dandy Guide*. Record your solution here.

Kelly chose to go to the Halloween party because it is what she thought was best for her. Kelly's choice to go to the party instead of study will cost her her readiness for the exam. Kelly chose to go downtown instead because she was rewarded with time with her friends. Society has a rule that in order to do well in school we must study. Kelly will be able to raise her GPA when she trades in some of her social time with study time. Kelly's choice to go to the Halloween party instead of studying may cause her to do poorly on her exam on Monday.