



Helping Nova

wise up and th!nk
Teacher Resources

Book 2

Idea Bank 1 Talk about...

- **difficult situations we may have been in**

Discuss the following:

- What is a difficult situation?
- Have any of us been in a difficult situation?
- How do difficult situations make us feel?
- What choices did we have to make?
- What helps us to make a good decision?

Idea Bank 2 Have a go at...

- **role playing part of the story**

Make a list of the feelings that Tony, Kizzy and Nova may have experienced during the story. Use collage, paint or other materials to make pictures or illustrations of different feelings. Use colour to help represent difficult or good feelings.

Draw a simple mind-map about the choices Tony had and consequences of his decisions.

Role play part of the story together.

- **using a thinking frame**

Thinking frames help make the steps involved in a particular thinking skill explicit. Use the thinking frame for Making Decisions to help your pupils organise their thoughts and think through one option at a time.

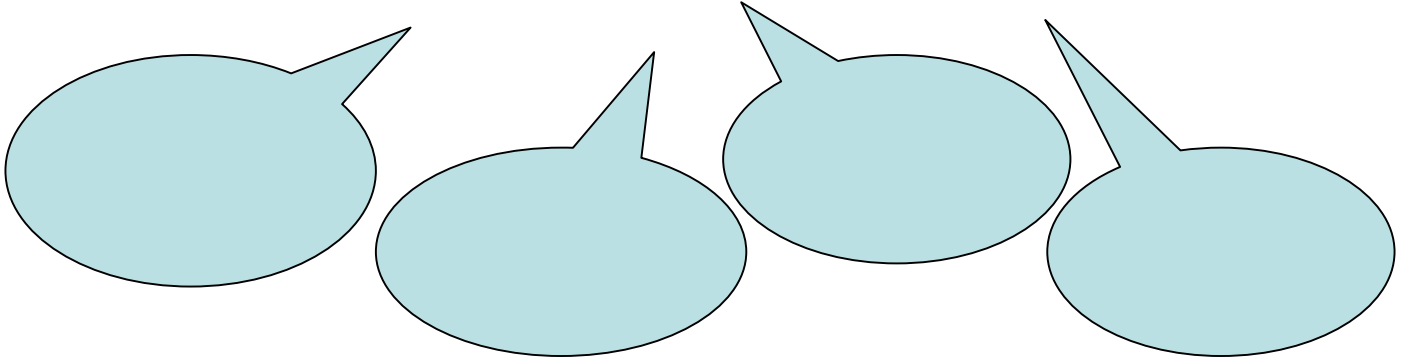
- **investigating**

Find out more about:

- the organisations that can help stray animals in your community;
- which type of material would make the best blanket for Nova (plan and do a short investigation using different materials, such as cotton, wool, fleece and paper, to find which is the best at keeping a baked potato hot);
- what our pet dogs most like to eat (do a survey and compare the results with the foods that are best for dogs); and
- how dogs help us in our everyday lives, for example guide dogs and police dogs.

Making Decisions

What should Tony do?



CHOOSE ONE OPTION



PROS	CONS

Is this a good choice?

Give a reason for your answer?

Useful Websites (click on the titles to follow the link)

Ulster Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (USPCA)

This website includes details on organising school visits from USPCA officers.

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)

This website includes lots of useful ideas and resources for teachers, as well as information about caring for pets.

Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (GDBA)

This website includes information, advice and inspiring stories.

Families Online

Here you can find information about helping children to become good decision-makers.