



WORKSHEET

CASE STUDIES

Activity 1

Case 1

Natasha is 19 and her boyfriend, Adrian, is 22. They have been going out for a year and having sex in the past six months. Natasha enjoys having sex with Adrian, but sometimes she feels uncomfortable when he says he wants to introduce 'role playing' practices in their sexual activity. Sometimes, when he brings up the matter of role-playing during sex, she is not very sure what that would entail and she feels insecure. When she tells Adrian that she feels uncomfortable about using role-playing during sex, he usually says something along the lines of 'I'm sure you'll figure it out in the process' or 'I'm sure you'll enjoy it in the end, so don't be prude' or 'this is important to me and I feel things will deflate between us if we don't spice them up'. Natasha doesn't want Adrian to get upset. Can Natasha freely and meaningfully consent under these circumstances?

Case 2

Mario and Connor are two 18-year-old boys who are graduating from high school. They have been dating for 3 months and they are very attracted to each other. At their graduation party Mario has been dancing and drinking a lot. At one point he asks Connor if they could go outside together, so he could walk it off. While they are alone outside, Mario grabs Connor tightly saying 'I really want you right now. Let's have sex'. Can Connor give free and meaningful consent to have sex with Mario in this situation?

Case 3

Alina is 14 and in secondary school. Alexandru is 18 and works with Alina's father. Alexandru came to know Alina when he visited her house. Because Alexandru was also from the Roma community, Alina's parents had hoped he and their daughter would fall for each other. Alexandru and Alina have started meeting, most of the time trying to be away from Alina's house so they can have some privacy. Sometimes Alexandru gives Alina presents and money, so she could buy things she needs. Recently he has started telling her how much he loves her and saying that he really wants to have sex with her. Alina feels she owes him for being so generous to her. Her parents also approve of him too. Can Alina give free and meaningful consent under these circumstances?

Case 4

In her freshman year, Milena would occasionally sell sex for money but things are different now. A few weeks ago Milena met Milos at a college party. They were immediately attracted to each other and hit it off. They started spending time together and had a great time, as they shared amazing chemistry. Because things felt like they were getting serious, Milena was open about her freshman year to Milos. She told him that , that part of her life was over and that she really wanted to have a serious relationship with him, taking things slow. Last night, when Milos walked her to her door after their date, he told her he didn't understand why they should take things slow. He

was clear that he wanted to have sex with her that night, and asked her why she wasn't more eager. 'I can't believe you would have sex with just anyone, but not with me!' he said. Can Milena give free and meaningful consent under the circumstances?

Case 5

Frank is 18 and would like to have sex with his partner Alex who is 17 and identifies as trans. The two of them have a loving, trusting and respectful relationship. They have talked about the fact that neither has had sex before. They also already got adequate information on safe sex and how they can have enjoyable sex with each other because they participated in a couple of workshops organized by the local Family Planning Association. While Alex is more ready to have sex, Frank wants to wait. Alex is very respectful of Frank's needs and agrees to wait. Can Frank give free and meaningful consent?

Case 6

Hanna comes from a very traditional family and was taught by her mother that her goal should be to please her husband. She is engaged to be married to Costa, and he says that now that they are engaged, it is okay for them to have sex. Hanna is still not ready and would have preferred to wait, until they know each other better. Costa is insistent and this makes her perplexed. Since he will be her husband and as a wife she needs to appease his wishes, shouldn't she just feel okay to have sex with him? Can Hanna give free and meaningful consent in this situation?

Case 7

Miranda and Jill met two years ago at a college event and ended up having a one night stand with each other. They haven't seen each other for more than a year. A few months ago, they met at a party

of a common acquaintance. Miranda told Jill that she feels very attracted to her and she would like to have sex with her again. Jill feels the attraction too but she doesn't want this to turn into a one night stand again so she is not sure if she should have sex with Miranda. When she tells Miranda this, Miranda reminds her of the fact that the two of them had a really great time two years ago and prompts her not to let the opportunity go. Can Jill give free and meaningful consent in this situation?

Case 8

Pedro has been together with his girlfriend Amelia for the past 6 months. Amelia is ready to have sex and a few nights ago she asked Pedro to send her a naked picture of himself to show her that he is interested to have sex with her too. Pedro thought that this was the macho thing for him to do, so he sent Amelia a naked picture. Amelia replied with a naked picture of herself too. Last night when they were alone in Amelia's room, Amelia made some clear sexual advances on him but when he withdrew, she said that she was confused. How can he not want to have sex when he had already sent her a naked picture? Can Pedro give free and meaningful consent in this situation?

Case 9

Alex and Max met in Rainbow Youth last summer and they both identify as queer. They have been having sex for the past three months now and enjoy an open, trusting and caring relationship. Alex is currently very stressed with his exams and doesn't seem very interested in sex lately. While they were both having sex yesterday, Alex told Max that he wanted to stop. He also said that he wanted to take a break from sex. Even though Max feels rejected, they decided to respect Alex's wishes and agreed. Alex feels guilty because he believes that he hurt Max's feelings. Can Alex give free and meaningful consent?