

Scene 1 - Emergency visit to the hospital (Mixed or just girls.)

Narrator A young woman of 17 has pains in her abdomen. Her name is Cass, and she comes with a friend to hospital. It is the Accident and Emergency Department. After doing some tests this is what the doctor says:

Doctor Well Cass, this is the situation. I can say for certain that you are pregnant about 22 weeks. I don't know how you feel about it?

Cass Oh God! I don't know what I feel – shocked maybe. Upset. What about these pains I'm getting? I've had pains on and off for over a year. It just got much worse.

Doctor The pains are a bit more complicated. You seem to have some inflammation in the pelvic area and this could be the cause of the pains over the last year. At a guess, I would say you have Chlamydia, but we'll need to do some more tests.

Cass Chlamydia, what does that mean?

Doctor We can clear up the infection quite easily, but the inflammation could mean you'll have difficulty conceiving in the future.

- Q1 If a person is 22 weeks pregnant and has pains in her abdomen there could be several causes, what might they be?
- Q2 What is Chlamydia?
- Q3 If she has got Chlamydia, how come she did not know about it?
- Q4 What might be the symptoms or signs of having Chlamydia?

Try writing your own script for the following scene:

Group 1. Cass has severe abdominal pain but doesn't want to go to hospital (she's frightened what the doctor will tell her).
Imagine you are her friend and trying to persuade her to go.

Scene 2 – Difficult choice (Mixed or just girls)

Narrator Cass is in Accident and Emergency with bad tummy ache. She has just been told she is not only pregnant but probably has Chlamydia. This is the second part of the conversation between Cass and the doctor.

Cass You mean this could be my only baby?

Doctor Possibly. But the pain you have got right now is probably the baby miscarrying.

Cass You're saying I'm pregnant, right, but I could lose the baby. And I might not have another one?

Doctor We can do everything to save the baby – if that's what you want.

Cass But the baby could still miscarry; I could still lose it, right?

Doctor Yes.

Cass What about if I want to keep it – will it be ok?

Doctor It could be born premature; there might be other complications, abnormalities maybe. It could be perfectly normal. But there are greater risks if it is premature. What's your relationship like with the father?

Cass Oh No! Look, my friend is waiting outside, I need to talk.

Q1 How does Chlamydia stop a woman from having a baby?

Q2 Why is her friend important?

Q3 What might she be feeling?

Q4 Apart from her friend who else might she need to talk to?

Try writing your own script for the following scene:

Group 2. Cass is phoning a parent and trying to explain that she's pregnant, but she might keep it because it may be her last chance to have a baby.

Scene 3 – What the friend says (Mixed or just girls)

- Narrator** Cass is in Accident and Emergency with bad tummy ache. She has just been told she is not only pregnant but probably has Chlamydia. She is really upset and is talking to a really good friend.
- Friend** How come you didn't go for Emergency Contraception?
- Cass** Didn't think I would get pregnant.
- Friend** What about your periods – they must have stopped?
- Cass** I was feeling really down, you know, depressed. When I get really low my periods aren't right. Sometimes they just stop altogether.
- Friend** It's not like you. I mean you've never had a one night stand before.
- Cass** I know. I was totally drunk, I was depressed. It's not fair.

- Q1 What is Emergency Contraception?
- Q2 When should a person use it?
- Q3 Where could a person get Emergency Contraception from around here?
- Q4 How was Cass feeling about herself that night at the club, and how did this affect her behaviour?

Try writing your own script for the following scene:

Group 3. Imagine the day immediately after Cass had sex in the car park. You are her friend and she tells you her story. What advice are you going to give her about a) the possibility of being pregnant, and b) catching or passing on an STIs.

Scene 4 – Boyfriend trouble and splitting up (Mixed or just girls)

Narrator Cass is in Accident and Emergency with bad tummy ache. She has just been told she is not only pregnant but has Chlamydia. She is really upset and is talking to a really good friend.

Friend You must have known you were taking a risk. Why didn't you use a condom?

Cass I'd just broken up with my old boyfriend, he never liked using condoms.

Friend That's rubbish, you should always use condoms- even if you're on the pill.

Cass When we split up I was gutted. All the fights and arguments and stuff – I couldn't get my act together – I was useless at taking the pill at the right time. Anyway, when we finished, I just chucked the packet in the bin.

Friend When was that?

Cass In the week before I went out clubbing – on Saturday I got off with Bobby– when all this started.

Q1 Why might some people not want to use a condom?

Q2 Why did the friend say, "You should use condoms - even if you're on the pill." ?

Q3 If a person misses taking a pill or stops taking them, how long does protection against pregnancy last?

Q4 What methods of hormonal contraception are used to avoid the problem of forgetting to take the pill on time?

Try writing your own script for the following scene:

Group 4. This is the day that Cass has split up from her boyfriend, she is depressed. One or more of her friends are talking to her and suggesting ways she should get over it. Going clubbing is just one of their ideas. You can suggest a different one if you want to.

Scene 5 – Bad news and worse news. (Mixed or boys)

Narrator Two 18 year old boys are talking...

Bobby I can't believe it. You know that girl Cass?

Friend No.

Bobby Yes you do, I told you, I got off with her and she wanted to do it in the car park. Said she was on the pill.

Friend Oh yeah, I remember, she wanted to ride bareback.

Bobby Bareback? What are you on about?

Friend No condom? Bareback? Get it?

Bobby Yeah, yeah, whatever. She texted me. Says she's got Chlamydia. Says I might have it.

Friend Bad news. Still – at least she got back to you.

Bobby I wish she hadn't. Told me she's pregnant – with my baby!

Friend Very bad news. Tell her to have an abortion.

Bobby She might want to have the baby.

Q1 Whose responsibility was it to use a condom?

Q2 Apart from Cass saying it was safe, give some reasons why Bobby didn't use a condom.

Q3 How committed was the relationship between Cass and Bobby?

Q4 How much choice does Bobby get over whether Cass keeps the baby?

Try writing your own script for the following scene:

Group 5. Imagine the day immediately after Bobby had sex in the car park with Cass. He is telling you what happened. Give him advice about getting back in touch with her to find out about Emergency Contraception, and STIs.

Scene 6 – If only she'd known (Mixed or just girls)

Narrator Cass is a 17 year old young woman talking to her friend

Friend What's his name then?

Cass Who?

Friend The bloke who got you pregnant.

Cass Bobby.

Friend Not the Bobby?

Cass Yeah – You know I've always fancied him, but I was always too nervous to make a move.

Friend So how did it happen?

Cass Went clubbing with the girls, got really drunk and just went up to him and started talking and dancing. After a while I noticed all the girls had gone on somewhere else.

Friend So it was just you and Bobby?

Cass Sex with my boyfriend had not been that great and I'd heard that Bobby was really hot.

Friend And you were really drunk.

Cass I don't know whose idea it was – maybe mine – anyway we went out to the car park.

Friend And Bobby didn't want to use a condom?

Cass I'd only missed a couple of pills – I said it was safe.

Q1 Unprotected sex was pretty risky, but, what other circumstances and behaviours had led up to Cass taking that risk?

Q2 In what ways could her friends have been more helpful?

Q3 What kinds of things could Cass have done to keep more in control?

Q4 What information or knowledge would Cass have needed not to make those mistakes?

Try writing your own script for the following scene:

Group 6. Imagine you are one of Cass' friends clubbing. You can see she has had too much to drink and is flirting in a way that would signal to most blokes that she's really up for sex. Find a way of telling her to cool down a bit because she's still upset and she might end up doing something she'll regret.

**Scene 7 – Short- term pleasures, long-term consequences
(Mixed or just boys)**

- Narrator** Bobby, an 18 year old, is talking to his friend about Cass, a girl who had a one night stand with him...
- Friend** You know just because she said she's on the pill – it means nothing.
- Bobby** Why should she lie?
- Friend** Too embarrassed to ask to use a condom, too drunk.
- Bobby** Maybe she'd just forgotten to take one. – the pill I mean.
- Friend** The point is mate, even if she wasn't pregnant, not using a condom you probably got Chlamydia off her.
- Bobby** What if she keeps the baby? She knows I'm the dad, I'll have to pay child support.
- Friend** For eighteen years.
- Bobby** She said it was safe; it was even her idea to do it that night.
- Friend** Sorry mate. Makes no difference!
- Bobby** But why? I mean, I thought she said something about a boyfriend. That's why I didn't get back in touch.
- Friend** She probably felt a bit of a slapper too.
- Bobby** You calling me a slapper?
- Friend** C'mon. One night stand? No protection? Don't want to know the baby? What else am I meant to call you?
- Bobby** You're right. I suppose I'd better contact her. She's ok really. We've both messed up.

- Q1 What might have been some of the causes that led up to Bobby having sex that night?
- Q2 What information or knowledge did Bobby need which would have been helpful to him?
- Q3 What could Bobby have done to keep more in control?
- Q4 If Bobby wanted to behave responsibly and support Cass, whatever her decision, what does he need to do next?

Try writing your own script for the following scene:

Group 7. Bobby has agreed to meet Cass in the hospital where she is lying in a bed. The hospital staff are trying to prevent the miscarriage. Cass still has enough time to make up her mind about whether to try to keep the baby or let the miscarriage happen naturally and lose the baby. Write the scene between Bobby and Cass.