

# Would You Rather...

Trio skit

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*(POPULAR, TAGALONG, and INDEPENDENT are three girls at a party. POPULAR is wearing a lampshade on her head).*

POPULAR: Woah, look out! I'm Lamp Man and I've come to eat all of your light bulbs!

TAGALONG: Ha! That's hilarious! I'm going to put a lampshade on my head too! *(puts on a lampshade)* Hey, aren't you going to put one on too!

INDEPENDENT: Nah, seems like kind of an old party gag, but you all go on ahead.

POPULAR: Suit yourself.

INDEPENDENT: I've got an idea, why don't we play a game?

POPULAR: Great idea, I love games!

TAGALONG: What should we play?

INDEPENDENT: How about "Would You Rather..."?

POPULAR: Yeah, I love that game!

TAGALONG: Me, too!

INDEPENDENT: Okay, first question – would you rather smoke cigarettes or be able to breathe clearly so that you will be better at sports, singing or playing musical instruments, and have better health in general?

POPULAR: Oh, that's a tough one! I mean sports and music are great, but a lot of the cool people smoke, and it's important for me to be popular.

INDEPENDENT: Okay, how about you?

TAGALONG: Well, I really love to sing and play soccer, but I guess if all my friends wanted to smoke, then I'll do whatever they wanted to do. How about you?

INDEPENDENT: I play trumpet and I'm the pitcher on the softball team, so I would never want to smoke, because it would make it so much harder to do those things.

TAGALONG: Hmm, that's kind of a good point.

POPULAR: Come to think of it, it would be a lot cooler to be popular for being good at sports and music, than to be cool just for smoking.

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INDEPENDENT: Okay, your turn!

POPULAR: Oh, okay. So... would you rather chew tobacco or have healthy teeth and gums and a beautiful smile?

TAGALONG: Hmm, well, I'd have to ask my friends what they think. I really like my teeth and I want to have a beautiful smile, but if everyone else is chewing tobacco, I wouldn't want to be the odd one out.

POPULAR: Good point, how about you?

INDEPENDENT: I don't like to be the odd one out, either, but I really want to have nice teeth. If I started losing my teeth and getting really bad breath because of chewing tobacco, then I'd really feel like the odd one out! What about you?

POPULAR: Hmm, I was going to go with chewing, because I saw a couple of the cool older kids doing it, but I might change my mind about that. I really don't want to lose my teeth or have bad breath either.

TAGALONG: Me either, I'm going to change my answer.

INDEPENDENT: Alright, your turn!

TAGALONG: Okay, so, would you rather vape or live your life without risking lung damage that could lead to chronic bronchitis.

INDEPENDENT: That's easy, I'll avoid lung damage. Why on earth would anyone want to risk chronic bronchitis anyway?

POPULAR: Yeah, me too. Pretty ridiculous to take that kind of risk.

TAGALONG: I agree.

INDEPENDENT: You know, I don't really think there's any good reason to try smoking, chewing tobacco, or vaping. They're really addictive, bad for your health, and end up costing tons of money over time.

TAGALONG: Yeah, you're right. Who cares if other people are doing it! I need to take care of myself!

POPULAR: Yeah, and I'd much rather spend my money on fashion accessories than on vaping. Come on, let's go to the mall!

INDEPENDENT and TAGALONG: Ok!

INDEPENDENT: But one more question before we go: would you rather look like Margot Robbie, or look like you do now and marry Ryan Gosling?

*(The three girls argue excitedly over the question, talking over each other as they exit)*