

Assignment – Which Leaky Brake is it?



Let's Be a Beaker Detective!!!!

LEAKY BRAKE Example 1

Scene # 1

Braden is sitting at his desk in school during language arts class. Although he is working on a short story he keeps thinking about getting back to the computer game he was playing at home before school, planning how to get to the next level of the game. This thought keeps coming back even when he tries to concentrate on the story he is supposed to be writing. The teacher has come over several times to cue him to work faster or he won't be done by recess. He is getting frustrated.

Scene # 2

At home Braden skips snack to play his computer game. Mom calls him for supper after an hour but Braden ignores her and keeps playing. He has successfully completed two more levels but thinks about getting even more points. A few minutes later his mother comes to get him for supper and they argue.

Scene # 3

Braden is playing video games with his neighbourhood friend Ryan. Braden gets stuck on the thought of winning so he is reluctant to play a two person game. Braden can't stop thinking of the game and winning, so he ignores his friend's conversation and keeps interrupting during Ryan's turn. Ryan eventually gets angry and leaves. Braden is upset as well.

Question: Which Leaky Brake might be filling Braden's beaker?

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LEAKY BRAKE Example 2

Scene # 1

Jessica sees her best friend Amanda playing with a new girl at recess. Immediately Jessica feels angry that Amanda may be ignoring their friendship and starting a new one. She won't talk to Amanda when they return to the classroom.

Scene # 2

In class Jessica raises her hand to answer a question but the teacher does not pick her three times in a row. Jessica feels upset and wonders if the teacher doesn't like her. She decides not to put her hand up anymore.

Scene # 3

Jessica's brother is doing the dishes after supper and Jessica is supposed to put them away. Several cooking pans aren't clean enough so Jessica puts them back in the sink. Her brother has to go to basketball practice so he leaves quickly without redoing the pans. Dad comes in and sees the dishes not completed. He firmly tells Jessica that she and her brother won't get their allowance if they don't do their chores properly. Instead of explaining the situation, Jessica starts to raise her voice at dad, complaining that he is never fair, she is just a slave in their house, and her brother gets away with everything all the time.

Question: What Leaky Brake might be filling Jessica's beaker? How does she show that her beaker is filling and overflowing?

LEAKY BRAKE Example 3

Scene # 1

Jonathon is having a good time at Leroy's birthday party. The boys are all sitting around the small kitchen table telling jokes. A "James Bond" movie is playing in the living room close by. Jonathon becomes very loud and silly, and then pushes the chair of the next boy away from his. The other boy accuses him of trying to push his chair over, and then they start to argue and threaten each other.

Scene # 2

The fire alarm rings at school when Jonathon is going to the gym with his class. Jonathon puts his hands over his ears and starts running down the hall even though he knows that it is a drill. Several peers accuse him of trying to be first in line and try to stop him by putting out their hands and feet. Jonathon ends up in the office for a time out.

Scene # 3

Jonathon's family is going to a fall fair- an outing which they have planned for many weeks. When Jonathon gets to the games area he suddenly has a meltdown over the amount of money that he is allowed to spend. His parents decide to end the outing, which leads Jonathon's sister and brother to yell at him in the car, where he eventually hits his brother.

Questions: Which Leaky Brake is leading to Jonathon's beaker overflowing?

LEAKY BRAKE Example 4

Scene # 1

Gregory came home from school and was very hungry. He opened the fridge and saw his brother's birthday cake for the party that evening. He got a knife and cut himself a small piece for a snack. Afterwards he knew that his brother was going to be upset about the missing piece.

Scene # 2

Gregory's books were accidentally pushed off his desk when Alicia walked by with a huge box. He immediately blew up at her saying "watch out, I had those books marked with my homework sheet, you idiot".

Scene # 3

Right after the ice storm had damaged many trees, Gregory's friend dared him to swing on the lower branch of his neighbour's willow tree. Gregory immediately swung on the tree which pulled the large, damaged branch down and he hurt his arm when he landed.

Questions: Which Leaky Brake is affecting the behaviour of Kim, Gregory and Joshua?

Leaky Brake Example 5

Scene # 1

Kelly shares a room with her sister Kate. Kate often leaves her clothes on the floor or on the chair of Kelly's desk. Kelly is quite neat and often picks up her sister's clothes to

make the room look better. Kelly has never talked to her sister about the room situation and how she feels, but when they are at the table together or watching television Kelly is often easily irritated by anything that Kate comments on. Kelly gives Kate angry looks then storms out of the room.

Scene # 2

Kelly's gym teacher has just explained the steps to a new dance. Kelly didn't get all of the information so she made up part of the dance and when she had to perform it she started laughing and couldn't finish it. After class the gym teacher talked to her individually about following instructions. Kelly is now asking to quit gym class.

Scene # 3

Kelly's peers find her very bossy and making conversations "all about her". When peers talk about their areas of interest Kelly interrupts with silly jokes or making faces to other peers. Kelly is good at making friends initially but she can't keep friends.

Questions: What leaky breaker is filling Kelly's beaker? Could there be more than one Leaky Brake filling her beaker? If so, which one?