

Secrets vs. Surprises

As you read through the examples below, decide if they are a secret or a surprise. Remember surprises are fun things that make everyone who knows about them happy while secrets can cause people to feel sad, scared or confused.

You are at the mall with your dad and he buys earrings for your mom for her birthday. He asks you not to tell your mom about it.

Is it a secret or a surprise?

Is it okay to keep it to yourself until your mom's birthday?

You see someone cheating on a test in class. The person who was cheating comes up to you at recess and tells you not to tell the teacher or something bad will happen.

Is it a secret or a surprise?

Why should you tell the teacher?

Your friend says her mom's boyfriend is rubbing her arm, kissing her cheek and giving her long hugs. She tells you it makes her feel uncomfortable but she hasn't told an adult about it.

Is it a secret or a surprise?

Is this person breaking body safety rules with your friend?

You bake cookies for your teacher on the last day of school; you don't tell your teacher that you are bringing her cookies.

Is it a secret or a surprise?

How do you think your teacher will feel when you bring her the cookies?

When you're at a neighbor's house, she asks you to play a game where you would take off all your clothes, but she tells you not to tell your parents.

Is it a secret or a surprise?

Should you keep this from your parents?

When your babysitter is at your house, her boyfriend comes over. You know that you're not supposed to have visitors there when your parents aren't home. Your babysitter asks you not to tell your parents about this.

Is it a secret or a surprise?

Should you tell your parents?