

“I need help” Scenario Story

Ellie’s Visit to the Park

I am Ellie and I am 6 years old. I want to tell you a story about a day when I had to be very sensible and grown up to keep myself safe.

One Saturday morning, my friends Ben and Lucy came to call for me at my house to ask if I wanted to go with them to play at the park. Because the park was quite a long way from my house, I told Ben and Lucy that I will have to ask my Mum first.

I asked my Mum and she said that I could go with them but only until 2 o’clock. She also told me that there was 1 condition... I must listen very carefully to what she had to tell me first so I can stay safe without her being there to look after me. She told me that if I find myself without my friends, what I must NOT do...

What do you think she told me I must NOT do? (Pupils to respond)

She said I must...

1. “NOT... go off with anyone else, especially someone who I don’t know, not at any time, no matter what they tell me or how helpful they may seem”.
2. “NOT... try to walk home myself as I may get lost on the way. If I get lost away from the park no-one will know where I am, as they think I am at the park”.

What do you think my Mum told me about how to get home safely if I found myself alone? (Pupils to respond)

She told me to...

1. “LOOK FOR OTHER CHILDREN”: Ask the other children at the park if they have a mobile phone or if someone they are with does, to call the Police and tell them I am lost so they can come to help me get home safely.

Even if the phone has no credit it can still be used to make a 999 call for help.

What do you think my Mum said I could do if I can’t find a child with a mobile phone to help me? (Pupils to respond)

She said to...

2. “LOOK IF THERE IS A TELEPHONE BOX NEARBY”: Only if there is a telephone box close by should I go to it to dial 999 and ask for the police to help me, staying there to wait for them.
The Police will know where I am even if I don’t because the telephone number will show the controller where I am calling from.

What if the telephone box is across a road, I asked my Mum?

What do you think she said to me about crossing a road? (Pupils to respond)

She told me to remember to...

3. "THINK OF THE DANGERS OF CROSSING A ROAD": If I have to cross a road to get to a telephone box, I must look for a pedestrian or zebra crossing to help me cross the road safely. If there isn't a crossing, I must make sure I cross only when it's safe to do so.

Ask pupils at this point what they must do to cross a road safely

I asked my Mum what I should do if I was not able to find children that had a mobile phone and there was no telephone box nearby.

She told me that I should stay at the park and not wander off. I asked her why.

Why do you think she told me I must stay at the park and not wander off? (Pupils to respond)

She explained....

4. "SO I CAN FIND YOU": If I wait at the park and continue to play or sit down to wait, she would come to find me if I did not arrive home by 2 o'clock; the time she had told me to be home by. **If I wandered off, got lost or taken by someone, my Mum would come to park and I would not be there, then she would not know where to find me.**

I promised my Mum that I would do everything she said to stay safe at the park and she let me go with Ben and Lucy. We arrived at the park and played on the slide and the swings. It was really fun and there were lots of other children there too.

I was playing with a new friend I met there called Robert. He was climbing right to the top of the climbing frame and it was really high! He told me to be brave and to try to climb higher so I did, and I went a bit higher, then a bit higher until I made it to the top.

We sat there for a little while and we could see for miles, all the houses and all the trees and the fields. It was really fun.

After a while, I looked down to see if I could see Ben and Lucy so I could call out to them and wave but I couldn't see them anywhere. I climbed down to go and look for them but I could not find them. I looked in the nearby trees as I know Ben and Lucy like to climb them sometimes, but they weren't there either.

A lady walking her dog asked me if I was ok and asked me if I was lost. I said I wasn't lost and I was just looking for my friends. She said she could walk me home if I wanted her to...



What should I say to her as she seems very kind? (Pupils to respond)

I remembered what my Mum had told me before I left...

1. **DON'T** go off anywhere with anyone, especially someone I don't know, no matter how nice or helpful they seem to be.
2. I should **NOT** wander away from the park in case she needs to come find me.

*I said to the lady, "Thank you but I am ok, I'm going to join the other children."
Then I ran as fast as I could over to the swings and slide where other children were.*

There was still no sign of Ben or Lucy. I began feeling sad and worried. I wanted to go home and I wanted my Mum.

What did my Mum tell me I should I do if I found myself alone without my friends? (Pupils to respond)

1. "LOOK FOR OTHER CHILDREN AND FIND IF THEY OR SOMEONE THEY ARE WITH HAS A MOBILE PHONE"

I asked the other children if any of them had a mobile phone.

*One girl said that her sister did, pointing over to a bigger girl sat on a park bench.
I asked the girl if she thought her sister would call the Police to help me as I was alone without my friends.*

The girl said she would ask her sister for me and I walked over with her. The girl's sister asked me why I just don't walk home on my own if my friends had left without me. She also said would walk me home if I wanted her to.

What should I say to her? (Pupils to respond)

1. I told her that I **shouldn't leave the park** because my Mum knows I am here if she needs to come here to find me.
2. My Mum told me **not to wander off with ANYONE I don't know**, no matter how kind or helpful they seem to be.

She agreed that I was being very sensible and called 999 for me to tell them that I was a young child alone in the park that needed help to get home safely.

After a short while, a Police car arrived with a man and a lady officer in it. They asked me my name, my age, and where I live. I began to cry because I was upset and I wanted my Mum.

The Police lady gave me a tissue to wipe my eyes and told me not to worry, I am safe now and they can help me get home to my Mum. She

asked me what had happened.



I told her that Ben and Lucy had left the park without me, and that I did not want to leave the park on my own. I told her about the lady with the dog and that I didn't accept her offer to walk me home. I also told the lady officer that I asked if any of the children had a mobile phone to call for help, and that I didn't accept the girl's big sister's offer to walk me home either.

The Police man and Police lady both smiled at me and told me that they were very proud of me for being so very sensible to keep myself safe, reassuring me that I did the right thing to call for their help. They took me back home to my Mum in the Police car which was fun!

They told my Mum what had happened and my Mum said how proud she was of me for listening to everything she had told me to do! She took me out for a nice big ice-cream with sprinkles as treat!

I am so happy I listened carefully to everything my Mum told me to do. If I didn't listen and I had wandered off on my own, gone off with the lady walking the dog, or with the big sister, something bad may have happened to me and I may not have got home safely to eat this yummy ice-cream!

Optional: Final question to pupils.

Can you remember some of the dangers Ellie Faced?

Pupils to respond

What things might have happened if Ellie hadn't listened to her Mum's advice?

Pupils to respond