# Developing an ethical dilemma

A good research question is the **foundation** of a strong, interrogative reflective project. The question must identify a **clear ethical dilemma** that is open to more than one possible answer.

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## Here's how to begin!

## The Issue

Find an issue that is connected to your career-related study.

#### **Example**

Field of study: Business studies

- Possible issues:
- Child labour

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- Pay
- Worker rights
- Advertising ethics

## **One step further**

Revise your question so that it asks for one solution to the problem or issue.

#### Example

How does child labour affect both the children and the economy in a country and what is being done to prevent it?

## **Enlarge the focus**

Now focus on the ethical dilemma and enlarge it so that the question goes beyond the limits of the original observation. You should have more than one possible answer and require the use of an argument to make your viewpoint clear.

#### **Example**

Knowing that many poor communities rely on income from all family members, should child labour be entirely illegal?

## **The Question**

Formulate a question that simply asks you to describe what you know about the issue. **DO NOT STOP** here or your project will just be descriptive and not interrogative!

#### Example

Is child labour common in some countries?

## **Multiple Solutions**

Try to think of an ethical dilemma related to the issue and open up the question so that it leads to multiple answers.

#### Example

How concerned should we be with child labour?

Now you're ready to begin your research and plan out your reflective project!

