

Dilemmas By Rhiannon Stone

THE ACCOUNTANT'S DILEMMA

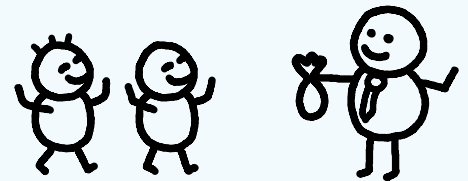
You are an accountant for a large, multi-national company. One day, as you are going through the books, you realise that an employee has stolen around one million pounds. However, you can see that they sent everything they stole to a local orphanage. Your company won't miss the money, and nobody will find out unless you tell them. Would you say something or not?



RESPONSES

Response A

What an easy decision! No one would say anything **because** the orphanage needs the money more than the company does. Besides, large companies have too much money and **as a result**, other people are poorer. **Although** it's technically a crime, saying nothing is the right thing to do.

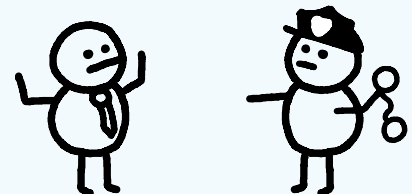


Response B

It's difficult to say! Orphanages need money. **On the other hand**, the company earned that money and this situation isn't fair on them. I guess telling someone would cause a lot of pain **since** the orphanage would lose the money and the employee would go to prison. **Therefore**, I probably wouldn't say anything. I wouldn't feel good about it, **though**.

Response C

I would have to say something. **Despite the fact that** the employee has good intentions, stealing money is a crime. We need these rules **as** not everybody steals for a good reason. The employee broke the law and **consequently** must be punished. **However**, I know lots of people wouldn't say anything and I understand why.



Response D

I wouldn't say anything **since** it would only cause me problems. Of course, stealing is a crime. **Nevertheless**, if I said something, a lot of people would be angry with me. They might even try to get revenge. **To that end**, I would just pretend that I hadn't seen anything.