

Adapted personal dilemma dialog and advice-giving expressions

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Step 1: With a partner, read the following dialog aloud twice, switching parts after the first time.

Alan: How's your job-hunting going?

Alison: Pretty good. I just got two offers. One from G&P Plastics and another from Mush Cosmetics. It's a really difficult choice.

Alan: Wow, well done! **Of course you are going to choose Mush right?** G&P are a plastics company. **Ugh!**

Alison: Well it's not that simple a decision. And anyway, what's wrong with plastic? **YOU use it everyday**, like everyone else.

Alan: I only use recycled plastics, Alison. Also, **don't you know** that Mush Cosmetics have won awards for the environmentally friendly handmade soap? The CEO is a woman committed to reducing plastic waste. **You would be making a big mistake to reject that offer.**

Alison: Do you really think so? In fact I am seriously thinking of taking the offer from G&P Plastics.

Alan: **Are you joking?** Don't you know that they are famous for promoting "one use" plastic goods like straws and throwaway plastic coffee stirrers. They are a **terrible company**. **If I were you, I would never consider** G&P.

Alison: Well all companies have to make money, Alan. It's a very difficult choice for me. You know I need a high-paying job and G&P pay at least 30% more salary.

Alan: **I can't believe you are throwing away a chance to work** at a really good company like Mush. If you work for Mush, your job will be much more creative and you will feel good about yourself. I **strongly** suggest that you accept their offer before you lose the chance.

Alison: I appreciate your advice, but I need to earn a high salary because I have a lot of student loans to pay. **Your parents paid for your university fees.** You can take a job with a company like Mush. I can't afford less salary just to work for a company that has a good image. And anyway, I might be someone who helps make G&P more responsible in the future.

Alan: **Whatever you do Alison, don't take a job with a company that doesn't care about the environment. Your friends, including me, will be so disappointed in you.**

Alison: **I can't help that, Alan.** This is my decision alone.

Step 2: Go over the following advice-giving language with your teacher. If you need, write down the meanings in Japanese. Rate them by levels of politeness: Rude - A bit too direct - Gentle - Very gentle.

Advice giving language	Rude	A bit too direct	Gentle	Very gentle
(I think/I really think) you need to/must/should consider...				
How about...?				
It is usually a good idea to...				
My suggestion/advice is (to)...				
Why don't you...?				
Have you tried...?				
I (would) (strongly) suggest/advise that...				
If I was/were you, I'd...				
In my experience, ... works really well.				
It's generally best/a good idea to...				
One thing you could/should/ do is...				
Make sure you (don't)...				
The sooner you... the better.				
Whatever you do, ...				
Your best/only option is to...				

