

11.4 Role play

The cast

Husband

Wife

Teenage daughter

Uncle John

The situation

The wife comes home early from work to find her husband in bed with Uncle John.

She has just found out that her 16-year-old daughter is pregnant and has come home to discuss the situation with her husband.

The daughter walks in just as the wife catches the husband in bed.

The task

You need to role play all of the different ethical issues involved in this situation.

Firstly, you will need to deal with the issue of extramarital sex, then homosexuality and then premarital sex.

Think how each person will react to each situation.

Now give each person an ethical theory to subscribe to and then re-do the role play.

For example:

The wife could have a religious belief which opposes homosexuality.

The husband could be a Utilitarian.

The daughter could follow Natural Law.

Uncle John could believe in virtue ethics.