

Shoplifting Shorts

Directions: Read the article “Sticky Fingers” (page 16) to answer these questions.

Part 1: What If?

1. You're at the mall with friends when they start whispering; they're planning to shoplift some clothes. What would you do? Would your answer change if the item they planned to steal was a candy bar?

2. The person you've been dating for a while suddenly confesses to an ongoing shoplifting habit, and the inability to stop. What could you do to help him or her? What might be different if the confession came from a sibling or cousin?

Part 2: In Your View

What do you think should happen to teens who are caught shoplifting? Should schools punish shoplifters? Why or why not?
