

## PROBLEMATIC

### THE RADIO PHONE IN PROBLEM SOLVER



Problematic aims to help young people aged 14+ talk and think about life issues, choices and consequences through the medium of a radio phone in problem show - simulated in software and hosted by **Cameron Stout the 2003 Big Brother winner**.

The game works by callers embedded in the game "phoning in" for advice in relation to a wide range of problems and issues. Young people playing the game are then offered a range of choices as to what advice they think would be best for that caller and their problem. Advice comes in the form of three options, each of which then has a likely consequence indicating what might happen next. By opting for good choices that are most likely to help someone in that situation, players can progress in the game from being "Panelist"

to "Advisor" to "Expert". In this way, young people using the resource can be encouraged to think and discuss issues in their own lives by giving advice to others. All text is fully "click to read". Topic areas in the game include health, racism and diversity, sex and relationships, friends, family, work, education, crime and offending and personal beliefs. The key role of the adult facilitator is to help young people playing the game apply the issues and problem raised to their own experience.

The game is hosted by Cameron Stout, 2003 Big Brother winner. During Big Brother and subsequently, Cameron has achieved a very positive reputation for a level headed approach to a wide range of behavioural and youth culture issues.

Each problem sequence is followed by a Cameron comment video clip, inviting players to consider some of the bigger principles of behaviour that might relate to any given phone in problem.



Problematic aims to tackle relevant and current issues in a contemporary style. Example of Problematic phone in questions include:

- There's loads of drugs on the street round our way. How can I keep clear of it till I'm old enough to move away?
- I go out clubbing with my friends at the weekend, but lately I've been drinking more and more and can't seem to stop. Where can I go for help?
- I'd like to drop out of college and start a band with my mates but my mum says it'll never work and it'd just be wasting an opportunity. What should I do?

**Features:** 6 callers each with 10 problems, 60 questions, 180 choices, 180 different outcomes each with a score, 60 discussion video clips featuring Cameron Stout and all content also in PDF format on the CD for separate printout.

### Specification

Windows 98 and higher / PowerPC or higher Macintosh computers with sound card, 16 bit colour, CDROM and QuickTime 4 or above (available free from [www.apple.com/quicktime](http://www.apple.com/quicktime))