Ethics starter (*When) is it wrong?*

*Taking someone’s iPhone from their locker*

*Holding up a stranger at knife point and demanding money*

*Hiding a new camera in your bags and not declaring it at customs*

*Underpaying workers*

*Copying and pasting passages from the internet into an essay*

*Taking a friend’s pen to write an essay, then returning it*

*Charging for a replacement part on cart that wasn’t installed*

*Not returning a library book*

*Setting the gas pump to dispense gas in 0.99 gallon units*

*Looking over a neighbors’ shoulder to copy their answers in a test*

*Overworking staff*

*Sneaking into a second movie after only paying for one*

*Short-changing someone in Starbucks*

*Using Facebook at work and not doing as full day’s duties*

*Breaking into a house and taking a laptop*

*Injecting chicken with water so that it weighs more before selling*

*Re-branding someone else’s invention and getting it patented in your name*

*Talking through a movie, disturbing other people’s enjoyment*

*Moving a fence in your garden 1 foot further out.*

Are the arguments or decisions about:

* Whether theft is wrong in principle? *Or under what conditions it is wrong?*
* How we know when it is theft or not? *i.e: On what premises do we build our principles?*
* Our own interpretations of what suits us? *Or what benefits others? Or of society in general?*
* Rational justifications? *Or emotional decisions?*