**Mark’s story**

Mark is your favourite cousin. You’re both in Y11 but in different schools. Mark is obviously upset. When you ask what’s wrong, he says “nothing” in a way that lets you know there IS something wrong. With a lot of probing, he finally tells you what’s going on.

It all began two Fridays ago. He made a mistake at work and was worried about losing his job. He had the whole weekend to worry about whether or not his boss was going to sack him on Monday.

Mark decided not to worry about it because there was a party that night. He was expecting to see his ex-girlfriend, Jemma. He and Jemma had been broken up a while, but he was ready to ask her for another chance. He got to the party and was nervous, so he had a drink waiting for Jemma to show up. Meanwhile, a girl called Chelsea began flirting with him. Chelsea was good-looking but Mark found her to be silly and immature.

Unfortunately when Jemma did turn up it was with a new lad called Jordan. Mark was really upset and had several drinks at once. He began to flirt back and dance with Chelsea. Then they went to Chelsea’s house and had sex.

On Monday, it turned out his boss wasn’t mad. He just gave Mark some suggestions on how to improve his work. A week later, Jemma called him and told him it was over with Jordan. She was just trying to make Mark jealous. They got back together.

“That’s great” you tell Mark. “So what’s the problem?”

Mark explains that just last night Chelsea called (how did she get his number?) and said she might be pregnant. She also said that she thought she might have a sexually transmitted infection and was going to the clinic to find out. They had a big argument – about who gave what to whom, whether he’s the only one etc. he was mad on the phone but afterwards he realised he’d been too drunk to use protection when they had sex. Mark is now worried that Chelsea may be pregnant by him. He’s also worried he may have given a sexually transmitted infection to Jemma, which could easily break them up again.