

SCENARIO THREE

By yourself or with a partner, read the following scenario and discuss the follow-up questions.

Brandon: Hey, did you hear about Jackson?

Vince: Yeah, he's pretty brave for coming out to everyone in the band!

Brandon: He's got guts! I don't know if I could ever choose that path like he did.

Vince: What do you mean?

Brandon: Well, you know! He prefers to date other guys so he chose to come out as gay!

Vince: Actually, Jackson being attracted to other guys is his sexual orientation. That orientation isn't his choice.

Brandon: Oh, I sort of thought sexual orientation and sexual preference were the same thing. Like that anyone who is gay or lesbian chooses to be because that's what they prefer. But you're telling me that that's not the case. Would you mind explaining to me more the difference between sexual orientation and sexual preference? I'm still a little confused.

>If you were Vince, how would you respond to Brandon? What would you say to help him understand the difference between sexual orientation and sexual preference?

>What do you like about how Brandon responded when he learned that something he previously thought to be true was actually not true? What can we learn from Brandon's response about being more open-minded?

