

Monologue Mania!

“Decorating Decisions” from *Ups and Downs*

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Scenario One: Confident

You are excited about decorating your room. You know it will last a long time, and you’re confident you will make the right decision. You take the decision-making seriously but also know that it’s just a room. You’ll be happy no matter what.

Scenario Two: Concerned

You are concerned about the pressure of decorating your room. You know it has to last a long time, and you’re afraid you’ll make the wrong decision.

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The day has come! Dad says he’ll paint my room. Those drab, sand-colored walls will be gone forever! I can pick something that will be just what I like, something that reflects my personality and won’t look like every other room in the house. I get to choose what I want! Dad says the paint has to last for years. He won’t repaint it again until I leave for college. That’s like a zillion years away! Why is he even thinking about that right now? How am I supposed to know what I’ll like for that long? But it’s just paint, right? I mean, how hard can it be to just go with a color and love it? Do you have any idea how many choices of colors there are out there? I thought picking paint for my room would be super quick. Grab a can of paint and be done. I knew I wanted blue, for sure, but when Dad took me to the store to pick out the specific color, there were ten rows of different kinds of blue! And blue was right next to all the red options, which seemed pretty cool too. Maybe I didn’t want blue after all. And then red was beside the purple—you get the idea! A whole world of color was sitting there staring at me saying, “Pick me! Pick me!” How could I choose? Luckily, they gave us these strips of the different colors to take home. And I think I’ve figured it out. You like this one, right? Kind of turquoise? It’s in the blue family like I originally wanted. You wouldn’t get sick of this one, right? Year after year. It would feel like the ocean. Kind of. Who wouldn’t love that? Waking up to the feel of ocean right in your room. Yep. This one’s the winner.