

## Dear Vusi

Sometimes the hardest lessons in life come from realising our mistakes. We all make mistakes – some more serious than others – and the best thing to do when this happens is to own up and find a way of putting right our wrongs.

As it is now too late for you to listen to your father on this issue, my advice to you is first to talk to your girlfriend and decide together what you want to do. At some point, you need to talk to your auntie or uncle who will tell your father. You will also have to talk to the girl's parents. I do not know how they will react but, remember, you have a shared responsibility to the baby. Do not persuade yourself that this is your girlfriend's problem alone.

I hope you manage to complete your education and become a responsible parent. I also hope that when your child is older, you'll find a way to help him or her make wise decisions in life.

## Auntie Stella

## ACTION POINTS

- Do you know any young people who had to get married or have a baby when they were still at school? How did this affect them?
- **ROLEPLAY:** In fours, role play Vusi and his uncle or aunt telling his parents what has happened. How will they tell the parents? What do his father and mother say and do?
- What advice do your parents give you? Do you listen to them? If you don't, why not?
- Think of a time when you did something dangerous, like going out late on your own, drinking too much or having sex without protection.
  - a** Why did you do it?
  - b** Did it have a good or bad result?
  - c** What other choices did you have?
  - d** How often is your behaviour risky?