

Worksheet 1.2: Who Should Decide?

Which of these two decision-making models would work best in the following scenarios?

TOTALITARIAN: one person decides for group

OR

DEMOCRATIC: everyone has an equal voice in the decision

a) You have been put in a group assigned to complete a group science project. The group must build a bridge out of balsa wood. There are six people in the group and each person must contribute.

b) You are babysitting your siblings. It is bedtime, but no one wants to go to bed. Your parents will be home shortly.

c) You and your friends decide to throw a surprise party for another friend who will arrive soon. Time is running out and the decorating is only partly done. Some people are playing games instead of decorating.

d) The basketball game is tied 46-46 with time running out in the fourth quarter. The team only has seconds to decide the next play.

e) Your family is going to the movie theatre on Sunday and needs to figure out which movie to watch. Luckily, there are many good choices.

f) It is Saturday afternoon and you and your friends just finished playing ultimate frisbee. Everyone is going back to your house to hang out and order a pizza. Pizza toppings need to be selected.

g) It is your turn to cook dinner for your family. You have the ingredients for two different meals. It is almost 6:00pm but the other members of your family are too busy to have a conversation.