

Worksheet 1.3: Who Should Decide?

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

DICTATORSHIP: one person decides for the group

OR

DEMOCRATIC: everyone has an equal voice in the decision

- a) You have been asked to complete a group project. Your group must build a tower out of uncooked pasta. There are six people in the group and each person must contribute.

- b) It is afternoon recess, and you and your friends are trying to decide whether to play soccer or tag.

- c) The basketball game is tied with time running out. Your team only has seconds to decide the next play.

- d) Your family is going to the theatre on Sunday and needs to figure out what to watch. Luckily, there are many good movies to choose from.

- e) Your teacher is away from the classroom and one of your classmates falls and hits her head. She is unconscious and needs help.

- f) You are buying poster board for a group project. The store has two colours to choose from and a decision must be made quickly — there is not enough time to contact all the classmates in your group.

- g) Your school is going to have a dance and you need to pick the best DJ to hire.

- h) Skateboards and longboards are being ridden on the sidewalk in your neighbourhood. Last week a parent with their baby in a stroller was hit by some kids on their boards. Some people want the boards banned from the sidewalk and have contacted the mayor to make a decision.