

ACTIVITY SHEET 1.3: HOW SHOULD WE DECIDE?

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



DICTATORSHIP: one person decides for the group



DEMOCRATIC: everyone has a say or vote, but the final decision is determined by what is most popular



CONSENSUS: group members discuss options and all must come to an agreement to support a decision in the best interests of the entire group

- a) You have been assigned to a team to complete a group science project. The group must build a bridge out of popsicle sticks. Each member will be evaluated on their participation.
- b) Your school is organizing a fundraiser on Halloween. A decision needs to be made about which charity will receive the money.
- c) The basketball game is tied with time running out in the fourth quarter. The team only has seconds to decide the next play.
- d) It is movie night with your family and you need to figure out what to watch. Luckily, there are many good choices.
- e) A new play structure is being built at the local park and the features need to be determined.
- f) You are buying poster board for group work at school. The store has two colours to choose from and a decision must be made quickly because the store is closing.
- g) Skateboards and longboards are being ridden on the sidewalk in your neighbourhood. Recently, there have been a few accidents with skateboarders running into small children. Some people want the boards to be banned from sidewalks.



DEBRIEF: What are the advantages and disadvantages of each decision-making model?

DICTATORSHIP:

DEMOCRATIC:

CONSENSUS: