

ACTIVITY SHEET 1.4: HOW SHOULD WE DECIDE?

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



AUTOCRATIC: 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) You are babysitting your siblings. It is bedtime, but no one wants to go to sleep. 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 there is no plan for decorating or work getting done.
- d) The basketball game is tied with time running out in the fourth quarter. The team only has seconds to decide the next play.
- e) It is movie night with your family and you need to figure out what to watch. Luckily, there are many good choices.
- f) 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.
- g) Your school is organizing a fundraiser on Halloween. A decision needs to be made about which charity will receive the money.



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