

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



DEMOCRACY: everyone has an equal voice in the decision

- a) You have been assigned to a team to complete a group science project. The group must build a bridge out of popsicle sticks. 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 at 46 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) It is Saturday afternoon and you and your friends just finished playing ultimate frisbee. Everyone is going back to your house to order pizza. Before the order is placed, toppings need to be selected.
- g) Your school is going to have a dance and you need to pick the best DJ to hire.