

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 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) It is movie night with your family and you need 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 their head. They are unconscious and need help.
- 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 — 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.