

Living on the Moon

Group Activity #4: Setting Goals and Making Decisions

Situation: It is now the year 2010. Large earthquakes, massive volcanoes and flooding have caused the earth to be unliveable for the next twenty years. Almost everyone has died. In order to save the human race, the governments around the world have created a space station on the moon. This space station has enough food and oxygen for twenty people to live for the next twenty years. Twenty people around the world were chosen to go to live on the space station. These twenty were chosen because they were the only ones who had the genetic ability to survive living on the moon for the next twenty years. After twenty years on the moon, the twenty would then return to earth. The twenty people chosen are:

INDIVIDUALS:

#	PERSON	AGE	SEX	RELIGION	PROFESSION/COUNTRY	LANGUAGE/OTHER
1	Dave Simpson	35	M	Mormon	Police officer/Canada	English/ a natural leader
2	*Daniel Trong	42	M	Buddhist	Astronaut/Vietnam	Vietnamese/ can fly the spaceship
3	*Stephanie Lin	28	F	None	Astronaut/China	Chinese & English/ can fly the spaceship
4	Kelly White	45	M	Christian	Farmer/England	English/ married with two children
5	Amanda White	38	F	Christian	Housewife/England	English & Spanish/ wife of #4, a great cook
6	Stacy White	14	F	None	Student/England	English/ daughter of #4 & #5
7	Sammy White	12	M	Christian	Student/England	English/ son of #4 & #5, is blind
8	Marisa Yakomora	18	F	Atheist	Professional Athlete/Japan	Japanese, English & French/ alcoholic
9	Whitney Austin	22	F	New age	Singer & Actress/America	English/ very beautiful
10	Mitch Williams	65	M	Christian	Retired Judge/Australian	English/ very healthy for his age
11	Abraham Shalom	32	M	Jewish	Writer/Israel	Hebrew, Arabic & English/ in a wheelchair
12	Raisa Madina	31	F	Catholic	Doctor/Philippines	Tagalog & English/ cannot have children
13	Tom Smith	27	M	None	Computer programmer/America	English/homosexual
14	Wally Achebe	52	M	Christian	African tribal chief/Nigeria	English & Ibu/ a natural leader
15	Sally Spielberg	25	F	None	Movie Director / New Zealand	English / very wealthy
16	Karen Nantz	?	F	Christian	English Teacher/America	English some Chinese, well organized
17	Scott Hovater	40	M	Christian	Statistics Teacher/America	English & some Chinese, creative
18	Group Member #1					
19	Group Member #2					
20	Group Member #3					

*At least one of these two must go on the trip.

Your Mission: Unfortunately two of the three spaceships meant to carry everyone to the moon were destroyed by an earthquake. That means that now only eight people can go to the moon. As the leader of this group, it is your job to decide who will go to the moon and live and who will stay on earth and surely die. It is a terrible decision to have to make, but it is one you need to make as soon as possible. Good luck!

Directions for Step #1: Using the group goal given to you by your teacher, decide which eight people you would chose to live on the moon. Write your decisions in the table below and write them on the blackboard. Be prepared to defend your decisions to the whole class.

CHOICES

#	PERSON	AGE	SEX	REASON
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Directions for Step #2: Compare your choices with the other groups in your class. Are their choices different or the same as yours?

Circle one: DIFFERENT SAME

Most likely their choices are different from yours. Why?

Directions for Step #3: Look at the six criteria for making a decision provided by your teacher. As a whole class, decide which one of the criteria is the most important. Write your decision on the line below:

According to the 3__ class, criteria # _____ is the most important.

Directions for Step #4: In your group, repeat steps #1 and #2 but use the criteria established by the class.

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Criteria for Making a Decision

- 1. GROUP #1:** Your goal is to keep as many cultures and languages alive as possible. Therefore, you would like to include people from many countries and you favor people who speak many languages.
- 2. GROUP #2:** You are worried about communication problems. You feel it is very important to select people who all speak the same language and preferably come from the same culture. You feel this will help the group work together and stay alive during the first difficult years.
- 3. GROUP #3:** You are a Christian. You see this as an opportunity to start a new world with Christian values and beliefs. Therefore, your goal is to select as many Christians as possible. You are also willing to take people who are not religious, but you do not want to take anyone who believes in Buddhism, Islam or Hinduism.
- 4. GROUP #4:** You are an atheist and a biologist. Your goal is to make sure the human race continues. You want to choose as many females as possible so that the human race has a better chance of survival. While you think marriage and family values are important for a modern society, you do not think they are necessary for a society with only eight people. You would also prefer to take people who are not religious.
- 5. GROUP #5:** You are a Christian biologist. Your goal is to make sure the human race continues. You believe the best way to continue the human race is to try to keep the Christian values of marriage and family. Therefore, you do not want to separate any family members and you want to choose an equal number of males and females.
- 6. GROUP #6:** You are a selfish, sinful person. Your goal is to select a group of people that you think you can control. You also want to make sure that you are chosen to go on this trip. Personal survival is your first priority.