



Students' Scaffolding Series DECISION MAKING

Pre-Session Activity

Look at the pictures below. What do you see? You can see a pilot, doctor, soldier and a police man.



Pilot



Doctor



Soldier



Police



What do you want to become in life?
Make groups of four and discuss why you want to become what you have decided.

So, what could be
the topic for
today's session?

Learning Outcomes

After this session students will be able to know...

- ***What*** is decision making?
- ***What*** is the importance of decision making?
- ***What*** is the process of decision making?



Case Study 1: Know About Self



Ramandeep is waiting at the school gate for his mother. She usually picks him at around 2 o'clock. It is 2.30 now.

A stranger approached him and asks him why he is standing there.

Once, Ramandeep tells him that he is waiting for mother, the stranger says, come in my car, I will drop you home.



Case Study 1: Discussion Forum

- *What do you think Ramandeep must have thought before taking the decision?*
- *Do you think he took the right decision?*



Suppose Ramandeep had said YES to the stranger, what could have happened.

The stranger might have dropped him OR

Think well before you make a decision.

What is Decision Making?

Decision making is the *action or process of arriving at a conclusion of accepting an important option* by thinking carefully about all possibilities options, in a situation.



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Case Study 2: Importance of Decision Making



Alisha loves to ride bicycle. She desires that she could have a bicycle of her own.

However, this is not possible as her parents can't afford that. She has two brothers and two sisters who all are studying.

She has few friends who have bicycles.

She often borrows bicycle from one of her close friends and learns how to ride it.

Her parents fear in case the borrowed cycle gets damaged some day, they don't be able to get it repaired or replaced.

One day while trying to learn riding, Alisha could not apply brakes. The bicycle collided with a big stone and got broken.

Alisha was crying, not only because she was injured but because the borrowed bicycle was ruined.



Case Study 2: Discussion Forum

Was Alisha right in taking a decision to borrow bicycle from her friend?

- Her parents had tried to convince her not to do this. Do you think she should have listened to her parents?
- *What problems will now be faced by her parents?*
- *What other disadvantages are there in borrowing things from others?*
- *What would have you done if you were in place of Alisha?*



Some times it happens that we think of our comfort in present situation. We ignore the problems we might face in future even being aware of them. We should think carefully and then take a decision. Our elders (especially parents) are our well wishers, and we should listen to their advice as well.

The Process of Decision Making

STEP 1:
Understand
the problem.

STEP 2:
Identify what
goal you want
to achieve.

STEP 3:
List possible
decision
options.

STEP 4:
Study + and – of
all options and
the take a
decision.

STEP 5:
Analyse your
decision and
check if it was
right or wrong.

Tasksheet 1



Here are a few situations. Read each situation and write what you will do in these situations and why.

SITUATION	WHAT YOU WILL DO?	REASON FOR YOUR ACTION
<p>1. You and your brother are passing by an ice-cream shop. It's a hot sunny day. You both want to have an ice-cream. However, you have just enough money to buy one ice-cream.</p>		
<p>2. In a game, you and your friend were playing as a team. Your friend made some mistake and your team lost the game. You are angry with your friend.</p>		



Tasksheet 2

Here are a few situations. Read the situation and write what you will do in these situations and why.

SITUATION	WHAT YOU WILL DO?	REASON FOR YOUR ACTION
<p>1. You are playing football with your school friends in the school playground. A boy who is new in the school comes there and wants to play with you all. All of your friends say NO to him.</p>		
<p>2. You are writing a test. On your side, your best friend is sitting. He is also writing the same test. You are stuck at some question and looked tense. Your friend realising the situation, offers you to copy the answer from his answer sheet.</p>		



*... Ultimately it's
YOUR decision!*

