

ACTIVITY 1.1: 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

- 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.
- It is afternoon recess and you and your friends are trying to decide whether to play soccer or tag.
- The basketball game is tied with time running out in the fourth quarter. The team only has seconds to decide the next play.
- It is movie night with your family and you need to figure out what to watch. Luckily, there are many good choices.
- Your school is going to have a dance and you need to figure out the theme of the party.
- 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 because the store is closing.
- 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.

DEBRIEF: What are the strengths and limitations of each decision-making model?

	AUTOCRATIC	DEMOCRATIC	CONSENSUS
Strengths			
Limitations			