

# HomeTalk

thoughtful conversations for families and schools

## Let's talk about... Choice and Responsibility

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# Quotes about choice and responsibility

You always have two choices: your commitment versus your fear.



Sammy Davis Junior  
singer

With great power there must also come great responsibility.



Spiderman  
superhero, college student

It is our choices ... that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.



J.K. Rowling  
author, screenwriter,  
film and TV producer

Sammy Davis Junior and J.K. Rowling quotes from <https://www.awakenthegreatnesswithin.com/34-inspirational-quotes-choices/>  
Spiderman quote from <https://quoteinvestigator.com/2015/07/23/great-power/>  
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# Thinking about choice and responsibility

## Caring thinking

What helps us decide how to choose to treat others?  
What responsibilities do we have to ourselves and to others?

## Collaborative thinking

How should teams decide on their choices?  
Who is responsible for a team's behaviour?



## Creative thinking

What would happen if we lived in a world where we had no choice about anything? Would responsibility exist?

## Critical thinking

Can you have responsibility without choice?  
Are you ever not responsible for your actions?

What was the first choice you remember making?

What do you think will be the most important choice in your life?

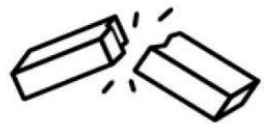
What links choice and responsibility?



Think **AHEAD**

Think **BACK**

**CONNECT**



**DIVIDE**

**LISTEN/LOOK**

**ZOOM (in/out)**

How do you decide between a good choice and a bad choice?

Listen to your thoughts – are you choosing what to think about?

Who is responsible for the Earth?

Who is responsible for you?

# Discussion suggestions (age 3 - 5)

## Stimulus



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**Fruits in an indoor market in Colombia**

## Talking Points

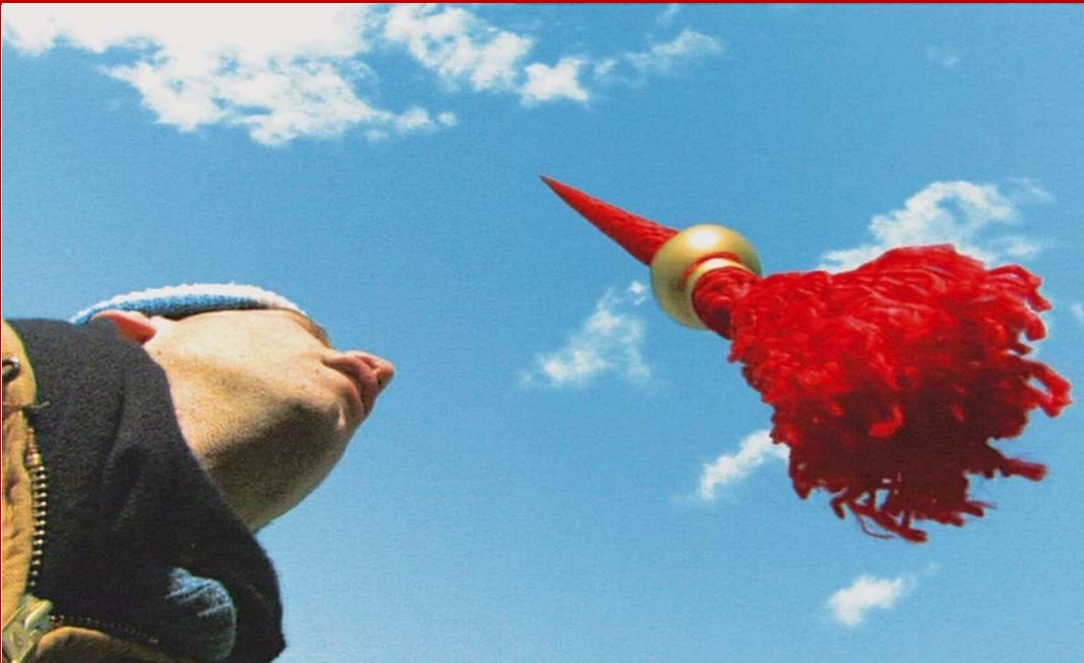
- Which fruits would you choose from this picture?
- If you could choose any one food for your tea, what would you pick?
- Who chooses your food?
- What helps you decide what to choose?

## Activities

- How many different fruits can you find in your local supermarket? In your house?
- Can you choose one you have never tasted before?
- Where have the fruits come from? Can you try and find them on a map? Which one is the closest to your home?

# Discussion suggestions (age 6 - 9)

## Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/8u5NpCYmEiE>

### **Dangle: a short film by Phil Trail**

A man is going for a walk and discovers a rope hanging down from the sky. Should he pull it or not?

## Talking Points

- Would you choose to pull the rope?
- Would it make a difference if there was a sign saying 'Do Not Pull This Rope'?
- Who is responsible for what happens?
- Are you responsible for a choice if you don't know the consequences?

## Activities

- Try making a list of good choices and bad choices you have made in the last year. Did any of the bad choices lead to any learning?
- List all the things you are responsible for in your life e.g. washing your hands, getting dressed etc. and then all the things that other people are responsible for e.g. driving you to school. Are there any responsibilities you could take on?

# Discussion suggestions (age 10+)

## Stimulus



[https://youtu.be/P5\\_Msrdg3Hk](https://youtu.be/P5_Msrdg3Hk)

## The Black Hole

In this short film a sleep-deprived office worker accidentally discovers a black hole and then makes some choices...

## Talking Points

- How would you choose to use the black hole?
- Does increased power always lead to people being less responsible?
- Is greed a choice?

## Activity

- Write a list of emotions or feelings that may be more likely to lead to poor choices and those which tend to lead to good choices.
- Compare your list with other people. What is different and what is the same? Can you generate examples to support your list? What about counter-examples to disagree with yourself?

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*Teaching that puts more thinking into learning*

- Introduces you to **P4C Plus** and builds your skills over the first year of practice
- Equips you with a range of skills to use in P4C inquiries and throughout the curriculum
- Includes premium resources and teacher guide

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*Making metacognition simple across the curriculum*

- Shows you how **Thinking Moves** can enhance thinking in any subject, as well as in P4C inquiries
- Gives you practical guidance on how to embed Thinking Moves into learning
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