

**DIALOGUE  
WORKS**

# HomeTalk

thoughtful conversations for families and schools

Let's talk about...

## Decisions

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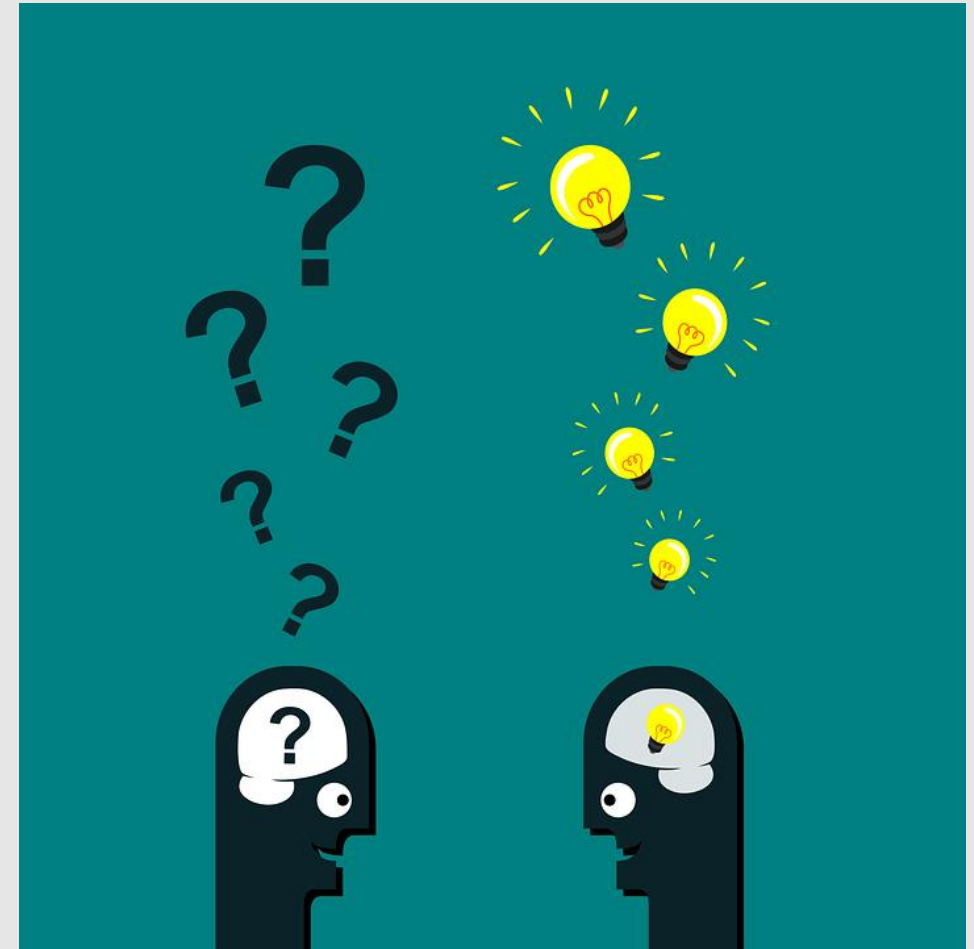


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# Quotes about decisions

You can't make decisions based on fear and the possibility of what might happen.

You must be careful never to allow doubt to paralyze you. Always take the decisions you need to take, even if you're not sure you're doing the right thing.

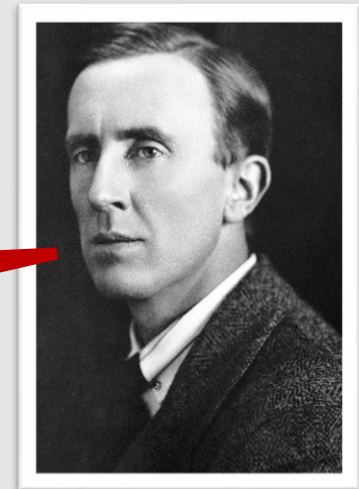
All we have to decide is what to do with the time given to us.



**Michelle Obama**  
attorney and writer



**Paulo Coelho**  
lyricist and writer



**J.R.R. Tolkien**  
writer

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# Thinking about decisions

## Caring thinking

Do you ever think of others when you make decisions?

## Collaborative thinking

Who do you ask for advice when you need to make a decision?



## Creative thinking

Have you ever tried using a mind map to make a decision? Get an adult to help you make a mind map next time you have a decision to make.

## Critical thinking

Is there such a thing as the right decision and the wrong decision?

Have you ever made a decision and wished you had done something else?

How do you use what you already know when you need to make a decision?

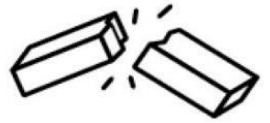
If you had to choose between going to the park or going to the cinema tonight which would it be? How did you make your decision?



Think **AHEAD**

Think **BACK**

**CONNECT**



**DIVIDE**

**LISTEN/LOOK**

**ZOOM (in/out)**

What decisions do you need to make this week? This year?

Have you ever made a list of pros and cons when trying to make a decision?

Do you listen most to your heart (what you want) or your head (thinking things through) when you need to make a decision?

Can you make a list of the decisions you might need to make today?

# Discussion suggestions (age 3 – 5 )

## Stimulus



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# Puppy or kitten?

## Talking Points

- What makes a puppy a good pet?
- What makes a puppy a bad pet?
- What makes a kitten a good pet?
- What makes a kitten a bad pet?
- What decisions do you need to make before getting a pet?

## Activities

- Vote in your family or class on whether a kitten or a puppy would make the best pet. Talk about why you made the decision you made.
- Write a list of pros (good things) and cons (bad things) about having a kitten or a puppy as a pet.

# Discussion suggestions (age 6 - 9)

## Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/NLxNTFtGZFs>

### **The Fisherman and the Princess Fish**

An African folk tale about a magic fish and some decisions

## Talking Points

- Did the man make the right decision to tell his wife about the fish?
- Did the man make the right decision to let his wife make the wishes?
- Why did the man make these decisions?
- Would you have made the same decisions?

## Activities

- You have two wishes. Will you keep both wishes to yourself or give one or both of them away? Who will you give a wish to? Why?
- Draw a picture of a good wish and a bad wish.

# Discussion suggestions (age 10+)

## Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/bOpf6KcWYyw>

## The Trolley Problem

In this clip we learn about the classic philosophical question – The Trolley Problem

## Talking Points

- Would it make a difference if the right track had 30 animals and the left track had one human?
- In this scenario was there a way to not make a decision? Are there always consequences from not making a decision in real life?

## Activities

- Make a mind map to explore your thoughts during your decision-making process for this dilemma. Has this helped you to make a decision?
- Work together to make a pros and cons list for each option.
- Split your group in half and give one option to each group, then have a debate.

➤ More about HomeTalk, including previous editions

➤ Parent Talk Moves – tips for great conversations with your children

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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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- Gives you practical guidance on how to embed Thinking Moves into learning
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