



Making Lists to Help Make a Decision

Sometimes when you are trying to make a decision, it helps to make a list to sort out your thoughts.

DIRECTIONS: Complete the following lists for each of the situations below.

Situation 1: You are trying to decide whether you should get a pet cat or a pet dog. Write the good things about each to help you decide which has the greater advantages.

Cat	Dog
a. _____	a. _____
b. _____	b. _____
c. _____	c. _____

Situation 2: You are trying to decide whether you should wear casual or dressy clothes to an upcoming job interview. Write the advantages of each to see which would be better.

Casual but Presentable	Dressy but Comfortable
a. _____	a. _____
b. _____	b. _____
c. _____	c. _____

Situation 3: Your family is trying to decide whether to buy a mini-van or a compact car. Write the advantages of each to help your family decide.

Mini-Van	Compact Car
a. _____	a. _____
b. _____	b. _____
c. _____	c. _____

Situation 4: Your school is trying to decide whether or not students should be required to wear uniforms. Write the advantages of each option to determine what the better decision would be.

Uniforms	No Uniforms
a. _____	a. _____
b. _____	b. _____
c. _____	c. _____



Writing Lists to Give Instructions

DIRECTIONS: To explain how to do something, it is helpful to write the instructions in an organized list.

1. Write a list of instructions for how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

2. Write a list of instructions for how to log onto the Internet on the school computer.

3. Write a list of directions for how to get from your school to the nearest shopping mall.

4. Write a list of instructions for how to make a banana split.

5. Write a list of instructions for how to make a paper airplane.

Name: _____ Date: _____



Extension Activities

- Make a list on a poster of the top ten reasons students should stay in school.
- Make a “dream grocery list” of at least 20 items you would like to buy if you were in charge of buying groceries at your house.
- Make a list of five advantages and five disadvantages of owning a car.
- Make a list of ten people, places, or things that make you happy.
- Make a list of chores that you do or could do around your house.
- Make a list of five advantages and five disadvantages of having a part-time job during the summer.
- Make a list on a poster board of the top ten reasons students should do their homework.
- Make a list of your ten favorite television shows, movies, or books.
- Make a list of five advantages and five disadvantages of being famous.
- Make a list of 15 states and their capitals.