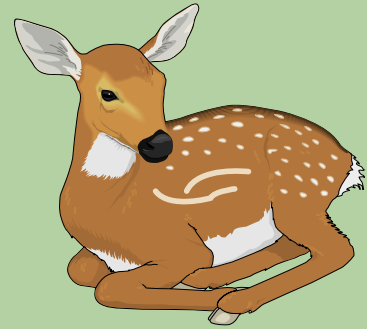
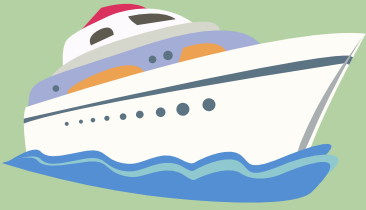


**Luxury living or
Lifelong love?**



Social Scenarios

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A series of social situations designed to allow children to develop the skills of leadership, decision-making and perspective. Let's put ourselves in the shoes of others before making any decisions.

Can you make a decision and keep everyone satisfied?

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Your Instructions

This week, we have an exciting challenge for you! Imagine you are Mr. Jackson, the CEO of a major company, facing an important life decision. Success, luxury, and stability have always defined his life, but deep down, he dreams of something different—returning to his passion for animals. However, stepping away from his company could have significant consequences for his employees, investors, and business.

The theme for this week is “Choice”—understanding how one decision can impact many lives. Making a choice isn’t always about what we want; sometimes, it’s about responsibility, sacrifice, and balance.

To get started, watch the video that sets the scene. Then, work with your team to analyse the situation, discuss possible solutions, and come up with the best decision for Mr. Jackson. After that, share your ideas with the class, participate in a debate, and vote on the best solution. Remember, passion and responsibility often go hand in hand—let’s help Mr. Jackson make the right decision!

| Step | Action |
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| 1 | Step into Mr. Jackson’s Shoes: Imagine you are a CEO making a life-changing decision. |
| 2 | Understand the Power of Choice: Explore how personal and professional decisions impact others. |
| 3 | Read the Scenario: Learn about Mr. Jackson’s dilemma and the challenges he faces. |
| 4 | Discuss as a Team: Share your thoughts, consider different perspectives, and listen to others. |
| 5 | Analyse the Impact: Evaluate the short-term and long-term consequences of Mr. Jackson’s choices. |
| 6 | Brainstorm Solutions: Work as a group to find the most balanced and ethical decision. |
| 7 | Prepare a 2-Minute Talk: Develop a short presentation explaining your decision and its reasoning. |
| 8 | Present Your Decision: Share your choice with the class and justify your reasoning. |
| 9 | Vote as a Class: Cast an anonymous vote to decide the best course of action. |
| 10 | Reflect and Discuss: Talk about what you learned and how choices shape our lives and futures. |

SOCIAL SCENARIO #8

LUXURY LIVING OR LIFELONG LOVE?

'I'm not sure whether I should change careers'

Step into the world of Mr. Jackson, the CEO of a successful company. After you dive into his story, gather in groups and ponder about the choices he's facing. Remember, it's about finding what truly makes one happy in life. Chat for an hour and then, let's hear your ideas in front of the class!



Read the scenario below and help Mr. Jackson decide.



Mr. Jackson has a big job as the CEO of a very successful company. His office is on the top floor with a great view, and he can buy almost anything he wants because of the money he earns. People look up to him and admire his success. But here's a secret: every day, when he looks out of his tall office window, he thinks of the time when he was a child and wanted to work with animals. He recalls the joy of helping a sick bird or an injured rabbit. He dreams of spending his days caring for animals in need, instead of attending endless meetings.

While he loves the comfort and luxury his job brings, he often feels a void. He's not as passionate about the business as he once was. Instead, he dreams of volunteering at an animal sanctuary. But if he leaves, what happens to the company and all the employees relying on him? Can he really give up his luxurious life?

UNDERSTANDING involves feeling the situation from different perspectives.



Mr. Jackson's wife



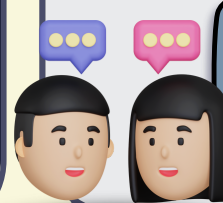
'I love our lifestyle, we have a private jet and yacht. It is great being able to go anywhere we choose in the world. Life is a dream but I want my husband to be happy.'

His employees



'Mr. Jackson leads us, and we need his guidance. We are worried that if he leaves, the company may collapse.'

His friends



'We don't care what you have or own we just want you to be happy.'

Here are some questions to guide your thoughts:

- Why is Mr. Jackson feeling this way even though he's so successful?
- What are the joys of following one's passion? And what are the challenges?
- How can Mr. Jackson balance his responsibilities as a CEO with his love for animals?
- Could he maybe volunteer during weekends or vacations to start?
- What would be the impact on the company if he decided to leave?
- Are there ways Mr. Jackson can merge his business skills with his passion for animals?
- How can he discuss his feelings with his employees and ensure the company's future?
- If he takes a new path, will the luxuries of life matter as much as before?

Key Vocabulary

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|---------|----------------|
| Animals | Volunteer |
| Passion | Luxury |
| CEO | Responsibility |
| Company | Choices |
| Dream | Happiness |



Before you Begin

Here are a few things to remember!

'I'm not sure whether I should change careers'

Imagination and Creativity

You are about to imagine that you are somebody else. From this point onwards, you must put yourself in the shoes of his friends.



Teamwork and Communication

To make such big decisions like these, you'll need to find a group of people to help you discuss the various options before you make your final decision. Teamwork makes the dream work.

Skills you will Develop

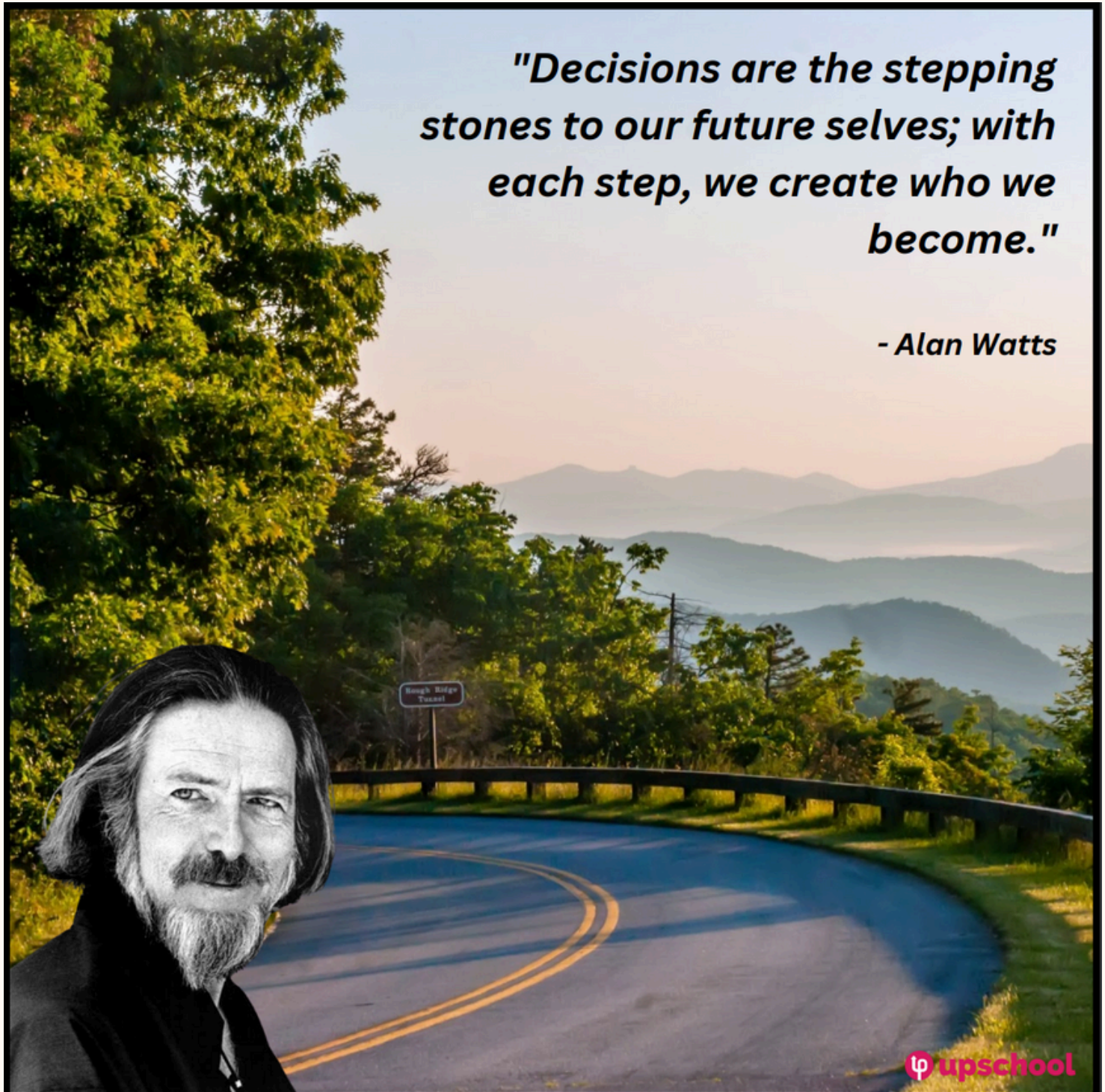
- Empathy
- Global Citizenship
- Active Listening
- Collaboration
- Teamwork
- Critical Thinking
- Leadership
- Perspective



Now, let's get started!

Perspective is Everything

Before making a decision, it's essential to consider how it will affect those around us. This means putting ourselves in their position and understanding their emotions, needs, and concerns. By taking the time to see things from different perspectives, we can make thoughtful and fair choices—ones that create balance, respect, and positive outcomes for everyone involved.

A composite image featuring a scenic landscape of a winding road with mountains in the background. In the foreground, there is a portrait of Alan Watts, a man with a long grey beard and hair, wearing a dark suit. The quote is overlaid on the right side of the image.

"Decisions are the stepping stones to our future selves; with each step, we create who we become."

- Alan Watts

Mr Jackson's Family



'I love our lifestyle, we have a private jet and yacht. it is great being able to go anywhere we choose in the world. Life is a dream but I want my husband to be happy.'

Follow the flowchart provided below and work together as a team to answer all the questions. Once you have reached a decision, remember to write your key message to Mr Jackson's family at the bottom of the page.

If he stays in his job how will Mr Jackson's family be affected?

If he leaves his job as CEO how will Mr Jackson's family be affected?

What are the negative effects?

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What are the positive effects?

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How can we protect them from the negative impacts?

Overall thoughts

Your message to Mr Jackson's family.

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His Employees

Follow the flowchart provided below and work together as a team to answer all the questions. Once you have reached a decision, remember to write your key message to the his employees at the bottom of the page.



'Mr. Jackson leads us, and we need his guidance. We are worried that if he leaves, the company may collapse.'

If he stays in his job how will his employees be affected?

If he leaves his job as CEO how will his employees be affected?

What are the negative effects?

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What are the positive effects?

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How can we protect them from the negative impacts?

Overall thoughts

Your message to the employees.

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Mr Jackson

Follow the flowchart provided below and work together as a team to answer all the questions. Once you have reached a decision, remember to write your key message to yourself at the bottom of the page.



'I really want to keep everyone happy but in my heart I know that this is not my real passion'

If he stays in his job how will he be affected?

If he leaves his job as CEO how will he be affected?

What are the negative effects?

What are the positive effects?

How can we protect yourself from the negative impacts?

Overall thoughts

Your message to the yourself

Sharing Your Decision

Once you have discussed the situation from all perspectives, it is now time to share your decision with the rest of the class. Prepare a 2-minute speech to communicate your decision, explain the rationale behind it, and outline your plans to ensure everyone's satisfaction. Good luck!



Today, I want to share something personal, something about the deep choices we face in life. Here I am, as your CEO, but I'm also someone who's juggling the excitement and responsibilities that come with following a dream. This isn't a spur-of-the-moment whim; it's a heartfelt decision filled with care and a commitment to pursue a passion that's been with me since I was young. It's about honoring the values of following one's heart and the fulfillment that comes with it. I invite you to ponder with me on this choice, which is more than a career shift—it's about embracing a path that promises personal growth and the joy of doing what we truly love.



Here are five simple steps on delivering a good speech:

Plan Your Talk: Pick a subject that excites you and learn all about it. Write down the main ideas you want to share and practice saying them out loud.

Catch Their Interest: Begin with something that will make everyone want to listen, like a cool fact, a short story, or a question that makes them think.

Speak Up and Stand Tall: Talk in a clear voice so everyone can hear you, look at your classmates, and don't rush. Confidence is key!

Show and Tell: If you can, use pictures, a diagram, or something you can hold to make your speech more interesting and help explain your ideas.

Finish Strong: Remind everyone of what you told them and end with something they'll remember, like a fun idea or a question that keeps them thinking.

Cast Your Vote

Once all groups have delivered their speeches, it's time for an anonymous class vote to see the public opinion. This is like how democratic nations vote in new leaders or make decisions on how the country should be run. This is your chance to use your voice to make a difference and save the world.

Although this scenario is fictional, one day you will be asked to cast your vote on a real issue that will affect people you have never met. This week, we will practice these essential skills.

As a class, write your decision on a piece of paper, and after everyone has voted, tally the totals and announce the decision to the class. Everyone deserves a voice, and this is your chance to use yours.

