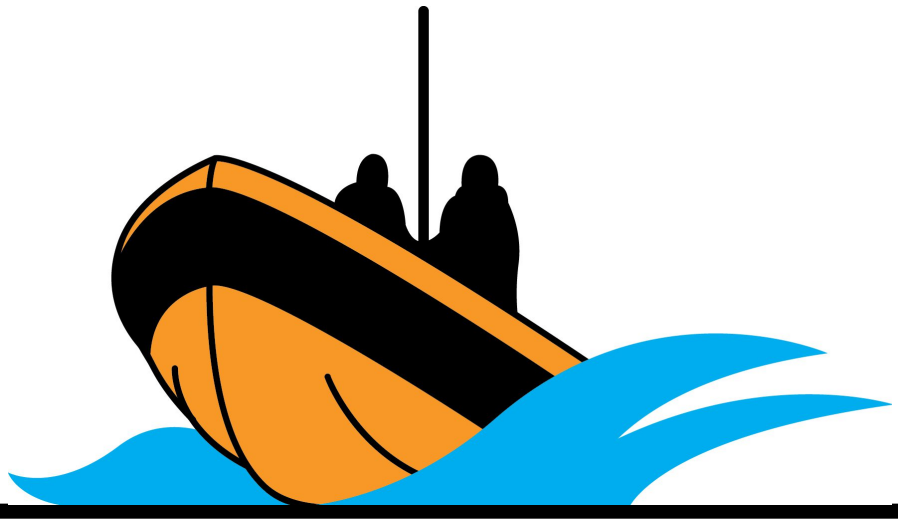
# THE LIFEBOAT

## introduction

You and the following people are on a sinking cruise ship that was headed to the Bahamas. As your ship is sinking, you spot an island and believe that you are close enough to reach it in a lifeboat. However, there are 14 of you left alive, but only room for 8 in the lifeboat. Those that go in the lifeboat will probably make it to the island where they will try to survive until they are rescued. Those that are left on the sinking cruise ship will likely go down with the ship and die.

You are one of the officers of the cruise ship and the highest ranking survivor. You are given the responsibility of deciding who remains on the ship and who goes aboard the lifeboat.



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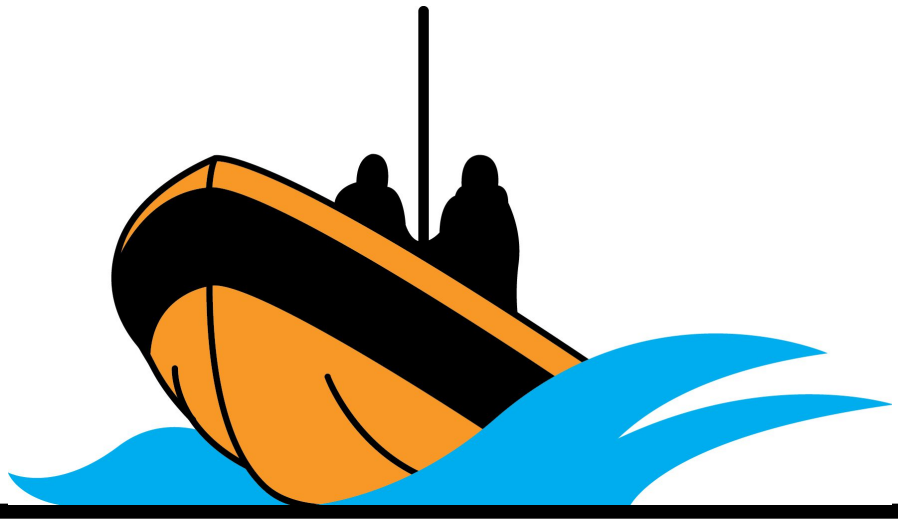
## part 1

On your own, decide the order in which you would save the people on the sinking ship. Place an "X" next to the 8 people you would choose to go in the lifeboat, under the column titled "Self".

On the page titled reflection, write down the reason why you chose each person.



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## part 2

As a group, you must come up with who you will save. Place an "X" next to the 8 people you would choose to go in the lifeboat, under the column titled "Group". Most likely, people are going to have differing opinions, but you can only have one answer.

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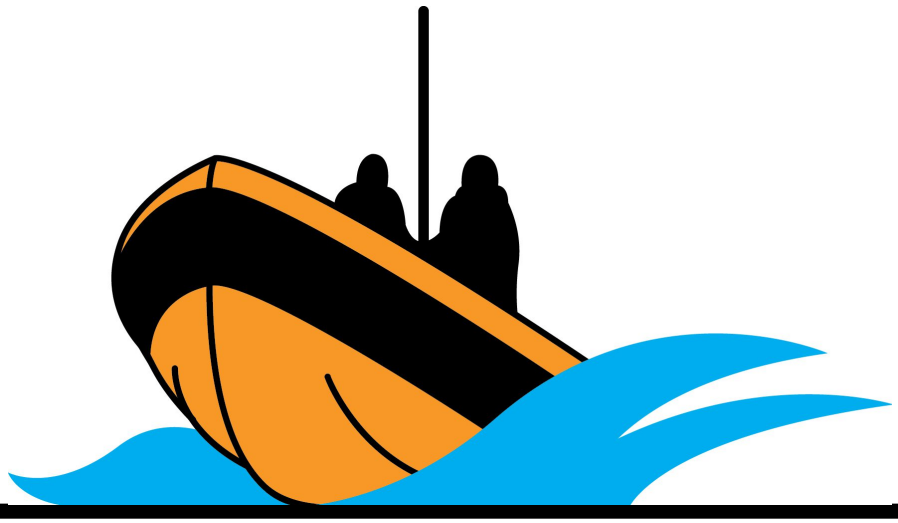

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## reflection

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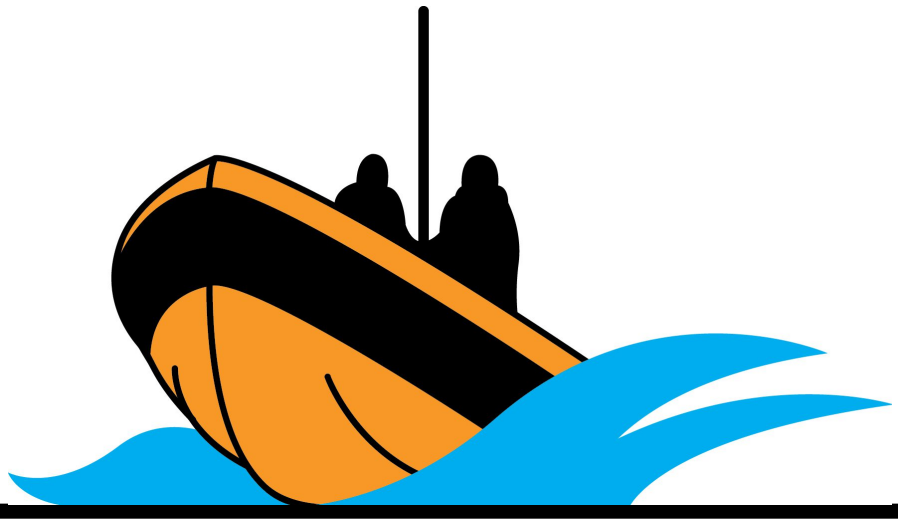
**GROUP: Why did you pick those 8 people?**



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## part 3

1. What personal morals and values came into play with your decisions? Did anything particular stand out to you?

2. Can people change their morals and values? If so, what does it take?

3. How did knowing the perspective of the other people on the boat shape your decisions?

4. How did getting the perspective of your groupmates shape your decisions?

5. How did this activity help you learn to…
   a. recognize strengths in others?

   b. take other's perspectives?

   c. resolve conflict?

| People & Description | Self | Group |
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| **Lola** – She is a 22 year old go-go dance who was on the boat to relax form her recent breast augmentation surgery. She suffers from clinical depression and has had 2 suicide attempts but non in at least a year. | | |
| **Mary** – She is a 45 year old experienced nurse and a single mother with 2 school aged children at home. However, they are living with her sister due to Child Protective Services, because she is an active alcoholic. | | |
| **Billy** – He is a 16 year old boy on probation for stealing money from old ladies. He is very charming, friendly and helpful when he wants to be, but cannot be trusted. | | |
| **Dr. Storch** – He is a 55 year old doctor who is in good health, except he has a prosthetic leg from a car accident. He is very intelligent but likes to throw his knowledge in everyone's face, as he is a bit arrogant. | | |
| **Sheena** – She is a 30 year old ex-fitness instructor with an athletic build. She works as a cocktail waitress and has stage 2 breast cancer. | | |
| **Mickey** – He is 45 years old, and is an unemployed cocaine addict. However, he is unusually strong from years of street fighting and working on the docks. Mickey has a disfigured face from the years of fighting and his hygiene is not the best. | | |
| **Shane** – Shane is a 39 year old genius with a degree in cellular biology. He is making breakthroughs in his work on a cure for cancer, but he is in a wheelchair and he comes across as selfish and rude. | | |
| **Tom** – He is a 41 year old hero from both gulf wars, but he hears voices when he isn't medicated. | | |
| **Cindy** – Cindy is a 70 year old retired school teacher with 4 adult children and 15 grandchildren. She also is an expert chef and homemaker. Cindy is a chronic smoker who is awaiting test results from a test indicating she may have lung cancer. | | |
| **Barry** – He is a 28 year old who is a master of survival techniques from his years as a hired mercenary. He angers easily with a short temper, but otherwise has excellent leadership skills when he is calm. Barry admitted to you that he killed someone in a fight in a third-world-country many years ago, he was never caught and claims it was self-defense anyway. | | |
| **Xavier** – He is 18 years old and in good health. He is from some strange country that you've never heard of, and barely speaks English. He is an aspiring musician with a newly signed record contract for playing the bass. He is on an international terrorist watch list, but swears that he is being wrongly racially profiled. | | |
| **Fred** – He is a 40 year old husband and father of 4. He is an expert in yachting and sea navigation. Since you've been on this boat trip, he has gotten on your nerves because he is very opinionated. Fred is on this trip because he recently abandoned his sick wife and children, and does not plan on ever seeing them again. | | |
| **Yourself** | | |

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**“It’s not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are.”**
**– Roy Disney**