

Life Choices Scenario Cards

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Career: General manager of a major department store

- Travel is a requirement for this career
- You are married with two children, ages 2 and 4
- You live in a rural area on a 30-acre parcel
- Your spouse would like to go back to college and finish his or her degree

Career: Salesman

- Your region is in a tri-state area
- You travel Monday-Thursday most weeks
- You have dated someone two years and want to become engaged soon

Career: Manager at a local grocery store

- You are married with two children and must work weekends
- Your children have soccer games on Saturdays
- You want to be promoted and transferred to a more profitable store in another city

Career: Teacher

- You are married with two children, ages 7 and 9
- You are on several committees on campus
- You are working on a master's degree in education
- Your spouse's job requires extensive traveling, and he or she is not home very often

Career: Physician

- You are a well-known physician in your area
- You are on-call most weekends
- You would like to open your own practice
- You and your spouse are considering starting a family

Career: Computer programmer

- You enjoy your career but work long hours and get no weekends off
- You find it hard to meet people to date and socialize with
- You would like to sign up for an online dating service

Education: College choice

- You are a senior in high school and would like to go to college and major in business
- You cannot afford the college tuition without securing loans
- You want to attend an out-of-state school so that you can go to school with your best friend

Education or Work Full-time?

- You are a senior in high school.
- For the past two years, you have been working part-time at an electronics store
- Your manager would like to promote you to a full-time assistant manager as soon as you graduate from high school
- You have always wanted to be a dentist, but you know it will take a lot of money and time to achieve that goal

Education or Work?

- You want to become a hair stylist, which requires certification from a trade school
- You have a six-month-old child at home and you can't afford full-time child care
- You currently work full-time at a day care center

Parental Care

- You work 40-50 hours a week
- Your elderly mother is having surgery and will need you to help with preparing her meals for a few weeks after surgery
- You have a sales convention that will take you away for a few days, the week after your mother's surgery
- Your only sibling lives in another state

Job Choices

- You have a good-paying job with good benefits
- You are married with three children
- Your spouse's employer is talking about laying off 30% of the workforce. You are thinking about moving to another city where your spouse can have more employment opportunities
- Your company has offered to transfer you to another city but the new position would mean a reduction of income and benefits

Family Problems

- You are married with two girls, ages 15 and 16
- You live in a small, two bedroom house
- You have recently been promoted at work with a substantial increase in pay. You can now afford a bigger house
- The new house you found is in another school district
- Your daughters do not want to move away and leave their friends

