

Words, Values, and Decisions

Introduction: This activity will help students understand how values affect decisions.

Directions: Students should go to the side of the room as directed by their Career Specialist based on their own values.

Career Specialist Script: I am going to say two words and point to one side of the room or the other when I say the word. Go to the side of the room that you most identify with. You must go to one side or the other. You may not ask any questions about the words.

orange – apple
 read – write
 apartment – car
 Indoors – outdoors
 run – walk
 stop – go
 mother – father
 grandmother – grandfather
 read – listen
 Volkswagen – Corvette
 jeans – sweats
 study – party
 talk – listen

large group – small group
 happy – sad
 sit – stand
 excitement – quiet
 neat – messy
 cabin – mansion
 winter – summer
 republican – democrat
 security – opportunity
 leader – follower
 money – free time
 independent – dependent
 responsible – irresponsible
 quiet - lively

Debrief

As you go along, ask students to comment on what they were thinking about when you said the words.

- Was it hard to make a decision?
- Did their values have anything to do with the decisions they made?