

PARTICIPANT INSTRUCTION SHEET: BALLOON TASK

The task is to collaborate with your partner to resolve a dilemma via text-based chat

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The situation

Four people are in a hot air balloon. The balloon is losing height and about to crash into the mountains. Having thrown everything imaginable out of the balloon, including food, sandbags and parachutes, their only hope is for one of them to jump to their certain death to give the balloon the extra height to clear the mountains and save the other three.

The four people are:

Dr. Robert Lewis - a cancer research scientist, who believes he is on the brink of discovering a cure for most common types of cancer.

Mrs. Susie Harris - who is a school teacher, and also over the moon because she is 7 months pregnant with her second child.

Mr. Tom Harris - husband of Susie, who he loves very much, is the pilot of the balloon, and the only one on board with balloon flying experience.

Miss Heather Sloan - a 14 year-old music prodigy, considered by many to be a "twenty first century Mozart".

Your Task

You must discuss the pros and cons of keeping each of the four people in the balloon with your partner, and come to an agreement about who should be thrown out...