

TYPES OF DECISION-MAKERS



It makes sense for parents to think about how they and their children usually come to decisions. Making decisions is very important for a child's development, maturity and eventually his/her independence. Each person has his/her own way to come to decisions, which will also affect the career choice.

Exercise:

First, review your own decision-making style, then that of your child. Try to compare the decision-making styles either alone or by discussing it with your child. The following questions may be helpful:

Where are the major differences?

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What do I find good and right about my personal decision-making style?

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What do I find positive about my child's decision-making style?

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What do I want from my child as regards the present career decision?

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Do I have the confidence that my child will make a responsible decision regarding his/her career choice? Give a reason for this.

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In which fields has my child already made decisions independently and responsibly?

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Source: Family career compass www.famico.eu

Decision-making style	Description	My style in percent	My child's style in percent
Dependent	Decisions are made on the assumption that others can be trusted more than oneself. "Others know better what is good for me."		
Impulsive	Decisions are made without considering alternatives.		
Anxious	The person is very much afraid of the consequences of his/her decision. Therefore, countless aspects are pondered, information is gathered, the decision proper is postponed. "Yes, but"		
Logical	Decisions are made only after all consequences and alternatives have been considered as far as possible.		
Emotional	Own feelings are given priority in making a decision.		

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