

# Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

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Sam and Paula have been friends for several years. They usually hang out with the same group of friends. Over the past few months, they have been meeting at a local mall. lately, Sam has been uneasy about the things Paula has asked her to do. Paula's parents don't want her to hang out at the mall. In fact, they ground her if they find out she goes there just to hang around with friends. Since she really wants to be there with her group of friends, Paula has asked Sam to lie about her whereabouts. Reluctantly Sam agrees to say that Paula is at her place instead of Mall.

Lately, Paula has been pressuring Sam even more to do things she doesn't want to do. Paula has wanted Sam to join in the swarming of another person for their hat. This has made Sam very uncomfortable. What should Sam do?

What is the **problem** that requires Sam to make a decision?

What possible **alternatives** or choices does Sam have?

What are possible **consequences** for each of the alternative or choices?  
Make a decision or a choice.

What **information** will guide Sam's decision?

- past experiences
- values
- personal needs
- needs of others

Would you chose this decision again?

Note: Swarming is an activity where youths gather around another individual with the intent of harassing or taking possession of a personal item belonging to the victim.