

Evaluating is the process of making a judgment based on information, standards, or criteria.

You use evaluation when you

- choose which movie you want to see
- decide whether a move is legal according to the rules of a game
- judge whether a punishment is fair
- decide whether you want to be friends with someone

What are some other situations when you might use the skill of evaluation?

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Cluster Question: Good decision or bad decision?

Directions: One way to evaluate a decision is to examine its short- and long-term effects and then make a judgment based on these effects. In this activity, you will evaluate decisions made by some of the characters from the selections in Cluster One.

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Directions: Begin by choosing a character from one of the selections. Write the selection title and the character's name in the spaces provided on the next slide.

Next, note a decision that the character made. Then list the short- and long-term effects of the decision. (You may have to guess at those effects that are not given in the story.)

Finally, based on these effects, judge, or evaluate, whether the decision is good or bad. An example has been done for you.

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Selection: “Playing God”

Character: Josh

Decision: He decides to leave home.

Factors that influenced the decision: He is unhappy at home, and his friend Laurel is moving away.

Short-term effect(s): Laurel is hurt and tries to talk Josh out of leaving.

Long-term effect(s): Josh will have to provide for himself. His parents will probably be upset and worried. Laurel will be hurt by Josh’s actions for a long time.

Was the decision good or bad? bad

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(Your Response)

Selection: _____

Character: _____

Decision: _____

Factors that influenced the decision: _____

Short-term effect(s): _____

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Long-term effect(s): _____

Was the decision good or bad? _____