

Writing Activity: How to Make a Decision

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Directions: Imagine that you are writing an article on how to make good decisions for your school newspaper. A good how-to article captures the reader's attention with a "hook," a vivid example or anecdote. In the box on the following screens, list some examples of decisions made by real people you know or by characters in this book. Then fill in the rest of the organizer to prepare for writing your how-to article.

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Hook:

Examples of people making decisions:

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Strategies for decision making:

Steps for making decisions:

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Conclusion:

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Now, on a separate sheet of paper, write your how-to article. You might consider ending your article with a word of encouragement for your readers—assure them that if they follow these steps, they, too, can make good decisions.

A Good How-to Article

- takes the intended audience into account
- describes the task to be done
- concludes by encouraging the reader's attempt to do the task described