

Would you rather?

Metacognitive skill targeted: Self-monitoring, thoughtful speaking, perspective-taking, communication and collaboration skills

Age group

10 to 12 years old

Duration

Duration of the debate discussion

Materials needed

- A set of “Would you rather...” playing cards with different sentences/questions
- Chairs or space for small groups

Activity Description

This activity helps pupils practice working together in groups, expressing their opinions clearly, and listening to others. It encourages them to think carefully before speaking and to monitor their own participation.

Instructions

Step 1: Divide the class into small groups.

Step 2: Assign roles within each group:

- **Facilitator:** leads the discussion and ensures everyone gets a chance to speak.
- **Yes Person:** supports or agrees with some opinions.
- **No Person:** offers a different or opposite opinion.

- **Observer:** listens carefully, helps participants who struggle to find ideas, and checks that everyone uses good communication habits (like taking turns, listening).

Step 3: The facilitator picks a “Would you rather...” card and reads the question aloud to the group.

Step 4: Each student thinks about their answer silently for a moment.

Step 5: Students then take turns sharing their thoughts based on their roles (e.g., “Yes person” agrees and adds reasons, “No person” disagrees and explains why).

Step 6: The observer helps if someone is stuck or unsure what to say and makes sure the discussion follows the communication rules.

Step 7: After the discussion on one card, the facilitator picks a new card and the process repeats.

Step 8: After a few rounds, roles can be switched so everyone can try different parts.

Useful Tips

Take your time to think before you speak; it’s okay to pause and gather your thoughts.

Listen carefully to your friends, even if you don’t agree with them

Use polite words and give everyone a chance to talk.

WOULD YOU RATHER



Be a wizard
or a superhero?



WOULD YOU RATHER



Eat a worm
or eat a spider?



WOULD YOU RATHER



Live in a treehouse
or in a castle?



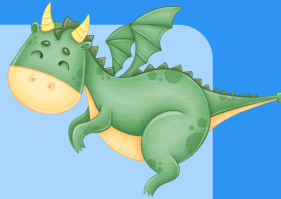
WOULD YOU RATHER



Be able to talk to
animals
or speak all
languages?



WOULD YOU RATHER



Have a pet dragon
or a pet unicorn?



WOULD YOU RATHER



Spend a day at the
beach
or a day in the
mountains?



WOULD YOU RATHER



Always have to
whisper
or always have to
shout?



WOULD YOU RATHER



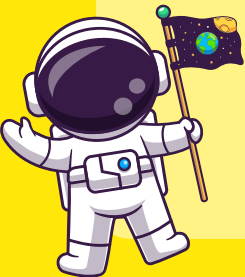
Be super strong
or super fast?



WOULD YOU RATHER



Explore space
or the ocean?



WOULD YOU RATHER



Only eat sweet food
or only eat salty
food?



WOULD YOU RATHER



Have one eye in the
middle of your face
or two noses?



WOULD YOU RATHER



Be the funniest
or smartest person
in the world?

