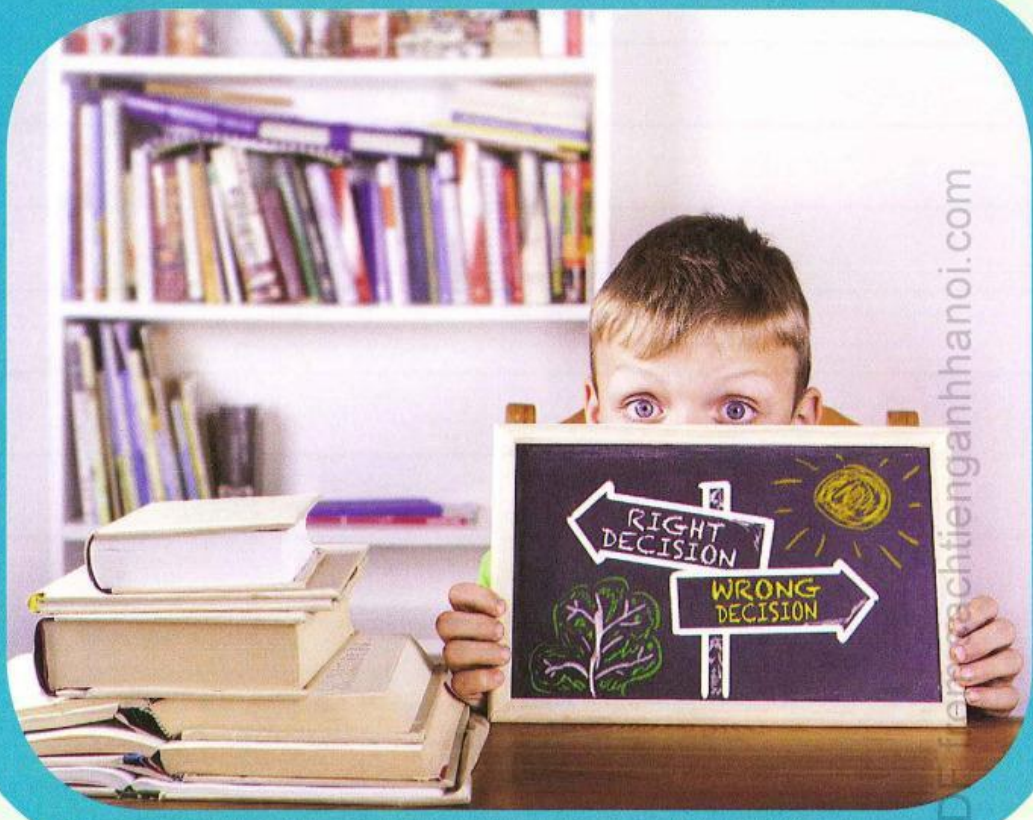
Unit 09

Children Making Decisions



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Warm-Up

Hãy cùng bạn học trả lời các câu hỏi dưới đây.

1. Do your parents let you make decisions?
2. What kinds of decisions do children need to make?
3. Do you think you can make decisions alone?

Introducing the Topic

People make decisions every day. They decide what clothes to wear and what food to eat. To make good decisions, people need practice. They must learn which decisions are good and which ones are bad. Children need to practice making decisions, too. However, many parents make decisions for their children. They worry that their children will make the wrong decisions.

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Learning about the Topic

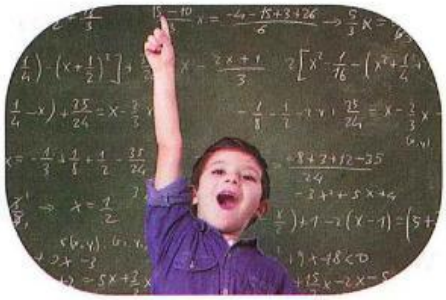
Should children make their own decisions? 25

Đọc và gạch chân các lập luận hỗ trợ trong đoạn 2 và đoạn 3.

Adults have to make decisions all the time. Children should **practice** this to be ready for their adult lives. But is it okay for children to make their own decisions?

Children Should Make Decisions

First, children will have to make decisions alone when they leave home. If parents always make decisions for them, they cannot be independent. So they should practice it when they are young. Second, children can be **confident**. When they are happy with their decisions, they feel **proud** of themselves. They learn that they can control their lives. For instance, if you decide to study one more hour for a school test, you will probably get a better grade. You learn that you can make good decisions. Then, you will feel better about yourself.



Children Should Not Make Decisions

For one, children do not have enough experience to make decisions. They may not know what is good and what is bad later. For example, a child could decide not to go to a good middle school. Years later, the child might **regret** this because it is harder to attend a good high school and college. Second, children may make bad decisions based on **peer pressure**. One professor found that peer pressure is a major factor in children's decision making. For example, many teenagers start smoking by peer pressure. This is not a good way to make choices.



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Vocabulary Check

Chọn câu trả lời thích hợp cho từng câu hỏi dưới đây.

confident practice peer pressure regret proud

1. I _____ not studying harder in school when I was a student.
2. _____ can force people to do bad things.
3. If you want to get better, you need to _____ every day.
4. When you get good grades, you feel more _____ in school.
5. My parents were _____ of me when I won the prize.

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Comprehension Questions

Chọn câu trả lời đúng cho từng câu hỏi dưới đây.

1. Why should children practice making decisions when they are young?
   a. So they can get their parents' help when they are adults
   b. So they can be independent when they leave home
2. How do children become more confident when they make decisions?
   a. They learn that they can control their lives.
   b. They learn how to get better grades in school.
3. Why is experience important for making decisions?
   a. It causes people to regret their decisions later.
   b. It lets people know which decisions are good and bad later.
4. How do many young people make decisions?
   a. They follow the pressure of their parents.
   b. They do what their friends tell them to do.

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