

MAKING DECISIONS IN ENGLISH

How to articulate choices, analyze options, and express opinions effectively

01 | 1. VOCABULARY ESSENTIALS

1. Hesitate
2. Commit
3. Put off
4. Weigh up
5. Rush into
6. Change your mind



- Always use "make a decision", not "to take".
- Consider **prepositions**: "decide on", not "to decide of".
- Distinguish "indecisive" vs. "decisive".

- A. To fully dedicate yourself to a course of action.
- B. To postpone or delay a decision until a later time.
- C. To pause before doing something because you are uncertain or nervous.
- D. To decide on something different after further thought.
- E. To carefully consider all options before deciding.
- F. To do something too quickly without thinking carefully.

02 | 2. KEY VOCABULARY AND USAGE TABLE

Word	Example	Usage Nuance	Related Forms
weigh up options	"I need to weigh up options for my career."	To evaluate all pros and cons.	weigh up, weighing up
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hesitate	"Don't hesitate to ask for help when needed."	To pause due to uncertainty or fear.	hesitate, hesitated
commit	"I am not ready to commit to a long-term plan."	To dedicate oneself fully.	commit, committed, commitment
put off	"He keeps putting off making the final choice."	To delay or postpone a	put off, putting off
change your mind	"After reading the review, I might change my mind ."	To alter your initial decision.	change your mind, changing your mind

03 | 3. CHOOSE THE BEST LINKING PHRASE



1. (Nowadays / I believe that), many people are overwhelmed by decisions.



2. Deciding on a major is a big step. (First of all / In fact), you should consider your interests.



3. Researching options is important; (in addition / Nowadays), you should speak to an expert.



5. Some think careful thought is weakness, but (in fact / in conclusion), it's a strength.



6. (In fact / In addition), I disagree that overthinking is always a negative thing.



7. All factors point to option A. (In conclusion / First of all), we should choose it.

04 | KEY CONCEPTS TO REMEMBER



- 1 The **decision-maker** carefully **weighs up** all factors.
- 2 You have the right to **change your mind** after you get more information.
- 3 Sometimes, taking time to **weigh up options** is a sign of wisdom, not indecisiveness.

05 | WRITING TASK & OPINION BUILDER

1 Is it always best to make decisions quickly, or is careful thought necessary?

Write a short paragraph (70-100 words). Use ALL 7 phrases below.

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| ☐ 1. Nowadays, ... | ☐ 5. I disagree that ... |
| ☐ 2. First of all, ... | ☐ 6. In fact, ... |
| ☐ 3. In addition, ... | ☐ 7. In conclusion, ... |
| ☐ 4. I believe that ... | |