Situation #1

Your family consists of a single parent, two teenagers in high school, and a four-year-old who is currently cared for by a grandparent. You have lived in a small town in rural Manitoba all of your lives where the parent has been working at a job. Your parent has been offered a job with a higher salary and better benefits in a city (Brandon or Winnipeg) and wants to make the move. The teenagers, however, do not want to leave their friends and the four-year-old cries when told that she/he will have to attend a daycare in a city.

How will your family make a decision about what to do?

Situation #2

Your family consists of a mother, father, and three children aged 6, 12 and 15, and has always lived in a big city. Your father has been offered a less stressful but higher paying job in a remote community and he wants to make the move. Your mother is not sure she can find a job in the new community as good as the one she has now. The six-year-old is excited about the move and is anxious for new adventure. The twelve-year-old says he does not really care what the family decides to do. The fifteen-year-old wants to stay in the city and does not want to move.

How will your family make a decision about what to do?

Situation #3

You live in an extended family consisting of a single parent, an elderly grandparent, and two children aged 13 and 17. You have lived in a small remote community, which includes many relatives, all of your lives. The parent wants to move to a larger town some distance away so that the teenage children can live at home while attending high school. The grandparent thinks she/he is too old to move and would prefer to stay near friends in the remote community. The teenagers are torn; they don’t want to leave their friends, but do not want to take high school courses by correspondence or be sent to a larger town where they would have to find room and board.

How will your family make a decision about what to do?