

Who Should Survive?

A severe storm has crippled the small ship, the S.S. Guppy, and the only remaining lifeboat has room for only seven people. You have no hope of reaching civilization, but there's a fairly good chance you can make it to one of the small, uncharted, and unpopulated, islands in the area. You may have to remain on such an island for years. Your task is to choose which seven people should be allowed on the lifeboat, and hence, be allowed to survive.

After being presented with the survivors, break into groups of four. Come to a group **consensus** of which seven people you would save and why. Be able to defend *why* you have chosen *not* to take others. You will be expected to present your findings to the class.

1. **Mr. Dane:** thirty-seven, Ph. D. in history, college professor, in good health (jogs daily), hobby is botany, enjoys politics, married with one Child (Bobby)
2. **Mrs. Dane:** thirty-eight, rather obese, diabetic, MA. in psychology, counselor in a mental health clinic, married to Dr. Dane, has one child.
3. **Bobby Dane:** ten, autistic with limited communication skills
4. **Mrs. Victor:** twenty-three, ninth-grade education, cocktail waitress, worked as a prostitute, married at age sixteen, divorced at age eighteen, one child (Jean)
5. **Jean Garcia:** three months old, healthy
6. **Mary Evans:** eighteen, trade school education, wears glasses, artistic
7. **Mr. Newton:** twenty-eight, starting last year of medical school, just married one month ago, currently on secret vacation with the woman he is cheating on his wife with (Ms. Beard)
8. **Ms. Beard:** twenty-two, receptionist with a B.A. in English, currently two months pregnant (father not on the ship)
9. **Mrs. Clark-** twenty-eight, daughter of a minister, college graduate, electronics engineer, single now after a brief marriage, member of PETA.
10. **Scott Prevost-** twenty-five yr old, Eagle Scout who has had extensive training in wilderness survival. Known, and proud member of the KKK who has expressed hostility/paranoia toward members of the ship.
11. **Pastor Francis:** thirty-seven, pastor, former college athlete, farming background, active member of the Westboro Baptist Church.
12. **Dr. Gonzalez:** sixty-six, doctor in general practice, two heart attacks in the past five years, loves literature and quotes books extensively.

