

A small boat with six people on it is sinking fast. There is a lifeboat, but it only holds five people. In your group, you must decide who should remain on the sinking boat and why. Here is a short description of each person on the boat:

Andrew/Gillian: Mr. Gillman is a famous scientist with degrees from Harvard and MIT. He is currently researching a cure of cancer and many people believe he going to make a breakthrough. He is divorced and has no children or close relatives. In the past three years, Mr. Gillman has had two major heart attacks and his health is very poor.

Kitty Lee: Ms. Lee is the head nurse at a big hospital in New York. She is a wonderful nurse and all of the doctors trust her with their patients. She always works very hard, and she has been so busy with work that she never got married and she rarely sees her family that lives far away in Oregon. Her job is very stressful and she has been feeling overwhelmed and has been getting very bad migraine headaches. She hasn't had enough sleep for her terrible headaches, but she is thinking about retiring early from her job.

Jim Jones: Mr. Jones works in a nuclear power plant. His job has a lot of responsibility because he must always check the radiation level of the plant. He is married with two sons, ages 10 and 12. His marriage is falling apart because his wife is drinking on him and he doesn't know what to do. He drinks heavily every night. Some co-workers are worried that his drinking will cause a serious accident at the nuclear power plant.

Alan Burns: Mr. Burns is a truck driver who spends most of his time on the road. He is married but he rarely sees his wife and he barely sees their seven year old son while he's on the road. His only child died many years ago in a car accident. Mr. Burns is a heavy smoker and has no serious physical or emotional problems.

Ken Akashi: Mr. Akashi is a Japanese exchange student at the local state University. He has an American boyfriend who she really loves. They hope to get married one day, but her parents don't want this. They are very traditional and they want Mr. Akashi to return to Japan and have an arranged marriage. He is very confused about her future.