

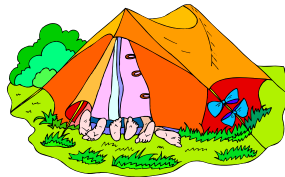


Making the Best Choice

Case Study:

Mary and Jim Black have been trying to get caught up on their bills. They have several outstanding bills totaling \$1,500. It's been difficult to get ahead with Jim's seasonal work. They will be getting an \$800 tax refund soon and have different thoughts about how to use the money.

Mary wants to use the money to pay off some bills. Jim wants to buy camping gear and take the family on a camping trip. He says the family hasn't had a vacation in three years. How can they resolve their conflict? Use the three step *Choice-Maker Tool* to help them. Identify what happens at each stage of the process. Remember to consider everyone's values.



| | | Choice #1 | Choice #2 |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Step 1: Gather Information | DESCRIPTION | | |
| | PRICE \$ | | |
| | ADVANTAGES | | |
| | DISADVANTAGES | | |
| Step 2: Compare & Rank Options | | | |

Step 3:

Choose _____