# DECISION MAKING & RANKING

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# Team Decision Making Ranking Tasks

- Typically "survival" tasks
  - First was Moon Survival, "Lost on the moon" developed by Jay Hall for NASA in 1967
  - Many survival tasks available desert survival, lost at sea, winter survival, ...
- Usually Individual followed by team ranking
- Different decision-making conditions in each team



## Typical ranking activities

## **Example 1: Choose Survival Equipment**

Your plane crashed. Your group needs to choose the 12 most useful items to survive.

Choose / rank *equipment* items in terms of their relative survival value:

- Participants choose/rank the items individually
- Discuss choices/rankings in small group and come to a group consensus
- Score answers against "expert" opinion
- Possible scenarios:
  - Lost at sea or island survival (shipwreck)
  - Desert (plane crash)
  - Space or Moon



## **Ranking Activities**

#### **Example 2: People Survival Scenario (Who will be saved?)**

A nuclear bomb has been dropped. A radiation-free shelter is available, but can only fit 6 people. Choose who will survive.

Choose / rank **people** in terms of who will get to live or die in situations with limited survival resources:

- Participants role play characters
- •Can lead to high emotions; people get intensely engaged, particularly when choosing who will survive, and none of the decisions are easy.
- •No right answers any so-called "correct" answers are based on debatable values (e.g., ageism, sexism, racism)
- •Highlights individual's dispositions, group processes, and decision making
- Possible scenarios:
  - Plane crash survivors
  - Nuclear war shelter
  - Oxygen dwindling (space, moon, mars)
  - Lifeboat / Sinking ship (sea)



## Ranking Activities by Faculty

- Material Hardness
- Causes of Death
- Scale of Items Approximating
- Horse Power (historical through modern times)
- Electricity Draw (Toaster, Coffee Pot, TV, etc.)



## **Best Selling Beers in the World (2010)**

**Budweiser** 

**Bud Light** 

**Busch** 

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**Coors Light** 

**Corona Extra** 

Heineken

Miller High Life

**Miller Lite** 

**Natural Light** 

Snow

1. Snow

2. Bud Light

3. Budweiser

4. Miller Lite

5. Coors Light

6. Natural Light

7. Corona Extra

8. Busch

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10.Miller High Life

11.Heineken



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## **Best Selling Beers in the World (2013)**

- 1. Snow
- 2. Tsingtao
- 3. Bud Light
- 4. Budweiser
- 5. Skol
- 6. Yangjing
- 7. Heineken
- 8. Harbin
- 9. Brahma
- **10.Coors Light**