



A visit to the zoo

Deciding how to distribute free tickets fairly

Name: _____

Date: _____

Free tickets for the zoo

Imagine that you live in a town. At the end of the school year, the mayor wants to give the primary school children a special treat: free tickets to the city zoo. Unfortunately, there are not enough tickets for every child. The mayor therefore has to decide how the tickets should be distributed fairly.

To find out what children think would be fair, the mayor asks a small group for advice. You are part of this group. Your task is to compare four possible solutions and prepare a justice ranking for the mayor.

1. Discuss whether each option is fair or unfair and tick one box.

2. Write a short explanation for your decision.

Option 1 All children should be treated equally. The tickets should therefore be allocated by lottery, so that nobody is favoured or disadvantaged.

Fair

☐

Unfair

☐

Our reason

Option 2 Children who have books about animals at home should receive the tickets because they are particularly interested in zoo animals.

Fair

☐

Unfair

☐

Our reason



Option 3 Children whose parents cannot afford the zoo admission should receive the tickets because they might otherwise never be able to visit the zoo.

Fair
☐

Unfair
☐

Our reason

Option 4 Children who volunteer once a year to help clean the zoo should receive the tickets as a reward for their effort.

Fair
☐

Unfair
☐

Our reason



3. My justice ranking

Which distribution option do you consider fairest

Create your personal justice ranking. Rank the four options from 1 (fairest) to 4 (least fair). Use each ranking number only once and enter it in the right-hand column.

Option	Ranking position
Option 1 Tickets are allocated by lottery.	_____
Option 2 Tickets go to children with a particular interest in animals.	_____
Option 3 Tickets go to children whose families cannot afford admission.	_____
Option 4 Tickets go to children who volunteer to help at the zoo.	_____

Explain your ranking

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