

# The Balloon Debate

## Introduction

There are many people in a balloon.  
They are going to make a new country.  
But, you are too heavy and the balloon  
is going down over the ocean.

Who should leave the balloon?

Who should remain in the balloon?

**You decide.**

## Instructions

1. Choose the participating characters (enough for 1 for each student plus some extras).
2. Everyone secretly writes 4 characters who they think will remain in the balloon.
3. Hand out a character card to each student.
4. Ask Round One's question to each student.
5. Vote which character should leave the balloon.
6. Do the same for the next rounds.
7. At the end, reveal the characters they wrote at the start and calculate the points.
  - a) Character voted out in round one = 1 point
  - b) Character voted out in round two = 2 points
  - c) Character voted out in round three = 3 points
  - d) Characters remaining at the end = 5 points

## The Soccer Player



### Skills

- Very fit and healthy
- Good at sports

## The Builder



### Skills

- Can build anything
- Has tools

## The Doctor



### Skills

- Can heal people
- Loves helping people

## The President



### Skills

- Good leader
- Knows how to control a country

# The Teacher



## Skills

- Knows many things
- Can teach people

# The Scientist



## Skills

- Can make medicine
- Very smart

# The Farmer



## Skills

- Can grow food
- Knows a lot about nature

# The Monk



## Skills

- Very kind
- Good at helping people

## The Hiker



### Skills

- Good at finding food
- Has a tent

## The Chef



### Skills

- Can cook anything
- Knows about safe food

## The Inventor



### Skills

- Has many new ideas
- Can design new things

## The Soldier



### Skills

- Very strong
- Has a gun

# Questions

## Round One

Please talk about your character`s job.

e.g. carpenter

“He makes things with wood.”

## Round Two

What is the best thing your character can do?

e.g. carpenter

“He can build houses.”

## Round Three

Why is your character special?

e.g. carpenter

“Because he is the best at making many convenient things.”

# Voting

The \_\_\_\_\_ should leave the balloon  
because \_\_\_\_\_ .



## Example reasons

- ◆ Having a gun is not good.
- ◆ Being kind is the worst skill.
- ◆ The soldier`s skills are more useful than the monk`s skills.
- ◆ The monk`s skills are less useful than the soldier`s skills.
- ◆ We don`t need the inventor.







