

“The Lifeboat”

An ocean liner has just hit a major iceberg and is rapidly sinking. All the lifeboats have departed except for one. This lifeboat can only accommodate seven people; there are ten hoping to board. From the biographical sketches provided, analyze each character’s information and evaluate who goes on the lifeboat and who must stay behind. Discuss all possibilities thoroughly and come to a group consensus. Be prepared to provide reasons for including/excluding your characters in order to support your argument.

Self	Group	Class	<u>People/Description</u>
			<p><b>Captain Robin</b> has been sailing for over 30 years and has been the captain of this ship for the last 10. She has no spouse or immediate family. She also has a rather severe drinking problem.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Including/Excluding:</u></p>
			<p><b>Joe Schmoie</b> is the author of many “how-to” manuals on sailing, navigation, and engine propulsion; he is on the cruise ship to do research. Though he has written extensively, he has never actually put theory into practice.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Including/Excluding:</u></p>
			<p><b>Dr. Nakamura</b> is a skilled general practitioner with a specialty in treating trauma cases. Both her children were killed in the initial moments of the wreck; understandably, she harbors great animosity toward the captain. Because of her loss, she is extremely apathetic and ambivalent toward those around her.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Including/Excluding:</u></p>
			<p><b>Patty O’Brian</b> spent the last thirty years in the Alaskan wilderness. She was once a strong frontiersman but now depends upon her daughter due to Alzheimer’s.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Including/Excluding:</u></p>
			<p><b>Sammy &amp; Spot</b> is a six year old boy who was orphaned in the wreck. He has a rare disease and doctors believe he will not live past 16 years of age. He also has a service dog, Spot, who will need to accompany his on the boat. Sammy refuses to leave the ship without his companion dog. <i>Spot is a very large dog and will take up one of the remaining seats.</i></p> <p><u>Reasons for Including/Excluding:</u></p>

		<p><b>Tilly Sharma</b> is the “personal trainer to the stars,” helping those like Gal Gadot and The Rock build those strong bodies. She has the strength of ten body builders. She’s also a diabetic, having only a short supply left of insulin.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Including/Excluding:</u></p>
		<p><b>Chaplain Kang</b> is the chaplain (religious person/minister) of the ship. Volunteering to be cast out, he nevertheless seems to have a calming effect on the entire group.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Including/Excluding:</u></p>
		<p><b>Amy O’Brian</b> is the young, vibrant, and strong daughter of Patty O’Brian, having lived with her in Alaska while owning &amp; operating her own fishing vessel. She refuses to board the lifeboat without her mother.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Including/Excluding:</u></p>
		<p><b>Larry Moony</b> is a hysterical basket case. However, he clutches tightly to his chest an essential survival pack, filled with canned goods, a water pump, and a flare gun. He threatens to throw the pack overboard unless given a spot on the lifeboat.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Including/Excluding:</u></p>
		<p><b>Ellie Santiago</b> is a 26-year-old archeology major; five months pregnant and newly married, Ellie was on her way to meet her husband on a dig before the disaster struck. The pregnancy was due to a short fling with an Italian man two months after her marriage. She has not yet informed her husband of the affair.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Including/Excluding:</u></p>