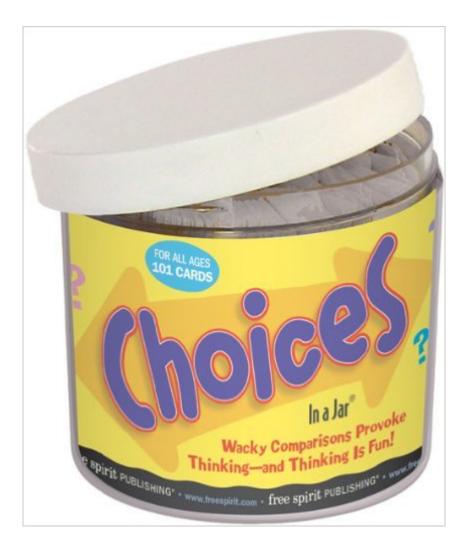


# **Choices In A Jar®**





## Synopsis

Whatâ <sup>™</sup>s your choiceâ "to have to walk on stilts the rest of your life, or to always have to roller skate to get around? To have no short-term memory, or no long-term memory? To not eat for two days, or to not sleep for two days? Choice provokes thinking, and thinking is fun. Each card presents a delightful dilemmaâ "sometimes unusual, always challengingâ "to spark conversation or controversy. Change your choice and change your mind. All ages, 101 cards, 3" recyclable plastic screwtop jar.

### **Book Information**

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### **Customer Reviews**

I am a young therapist that works with elementary and upper elementary kids, and I absolutely love this product! There are all different kinds of questions from lighthearted to more serious, and I have really enjoyed using these questions with my kids! I would recommend using for ages 7 or 8 up to middle school.Sample questions include:Would you rather go one day without speaking or one day without hearing?Would you rather swim in the summer or snowboard in the winter?Would you rather live in a mansion and never be able to leave or be homeless and be able to roam the world?

I purchased this with the intentions of engaging my pre-teen & teenage son in conversations - it does the job. We leave it near the table and everyone picks a card to read during dinner. Great spring board for what is going on in their lives.

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The cards provided excellent choices that enhanced the children to "think" about what choices are the better ones and opened up discussions about why. It asks different kinds of questions from lighthearted to the more serious and sometimes unusual...always challenging...definitely sparks conversations. If you had to choose...Be extremely lucky or extremely smart...what is your choice? Great question! It involves critical thinking...analyzing the consequences of our decision as each choice has pros and cons and that is pretty much everyday life. Life is full of choices and there are more times than not pros and cons to all the choices we face. Grant you some are clearly simple, but the majority of choices we face take some thought and that is important to instill in a child at a young age. Kids 11 and up loved this game.

I work as a school psychologist in an elementary school grades 3-5 and the students I see for counseling love this! It really gets you thinking and sparks a conversation about the pros and cons of each scenario. The only thing is some of the vocabulary used is outdated. For example, one card mentions finding an animal in your "cupboard" which not one kid understood, as that word is rarely used in today's society. Overall, I would say this product is worth the price. It isn't only good for counseling, I believe this would work in any social setting to spark conversations.

I have a teenage son who has PDD, nos, and Schizophrenia. This item has helped tremendously in teaching my son to have a conversation.

My students LOVE these cards and so do I. We use them as writing prompts when class starts. It's a fun way to get students working as soon as they enter the door and building a positive classroom culture. Students write interesting things too! You really get to know them in a different way through these cards.

I work in a residential treatment center with girls ages 11-17. I use this in group therapy with a stress ball so children can take turns and answer the questions. Each child passes the stress ball to the other another child with their hand raised and so for. The choices in a jar is excellent if you have a hostile group of children that are aggressive. The topics are relatively superficial and good to use with children they can become highly aggressive with deeper group topics. Once the group has bonded and is well established, I can focus on deeper issues. Either way, the children always ask

for Choices In a Jar because they love the questions.

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