# Module: Physical Geography, Topic Summary: Decision Making Grid

## Steps for Making a Good Decision

Take a moment to read the steps below. They will help you understand phases of making a good decision.

### Step 1: Define the Problem

You are aware of the ways humans can influence their local areas, and need to decide how you can better one environmental concern in your community.

### Step 2: List Alternatives

* What is one action you can change to help the problem?
* What is a second action you can change to help the problem?
* What is a third action you can change to help the problem?

### Step 3: Determine the Criteria

What makes one alterative better than the others?

### Step 4: Evaluate the Alternatives

How much positive change in your community will each alterative result in?

### Step 5: Make a Decision

Which alternative behavior is best for your community right now?

## PACED Decision Making Grid

Use the space below to determine how you will make a better environmental choice for your local community.

1. What is the problem?
2. Complete the grid.

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| **Alternatives** | **Criteria 1** | **Criteria 2** | **Criteria 3** |
| **Alternative 1** |  |  |  |
| **Alternative 2** |  |  |  |
| **Alternative 3** |  |  |  |

1. Evaluate your alternatives based on the criteria you identified.
2. What is your decision?