How to make hard choices
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WARM-UP
1. Discuss the questions. In your answers, use the underlined words and phrases.
   - A hard choice - a curse or a godsend? Give examples.
   - What is a hard choice you'll face in the near future?
   - How do you make a choice? Do you consider all options or take the safest one?
   - Do you always try to figure out the effects of your potential choices?

VIDEO & DISCUSSION
2. After watching the video, answer the following questions:
   - What is the speaker's attitude towards choices?
   - What makes a choice hard?
   - Who are drifters? Do you know anyone who you could call a drifter?
   - Can you give examples of some small choices you make every day?

VOCABULARY
3. Decide which of these idioms will be used to describe something difficult and which something easy.
   a child's play  dead easy  a tough row to hoe  an uphill battle
   a breeze  a piece of cake  a tough nut to crack

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4. Complete the sentences with the vocabulary given.

to  for  consideration  favour  against  twice  willing

a) I will give a lot of _____________ to such a difficult choice.
b) Generally, I am in _____________ of introducing this new law.
c) Fewer students than ever opt _____________ study maths at a higher level.
d) I am not _____________ to accept all conditions they offer.
e) Parents should think _____________ before letting their children go on holiday alone.
f) I am _____________ the idea to throw away all unnecessary clothes.
g) I felt much better, so I decided to go _____________ a skirt, instead of my everyday jeans.

5. Using the vocabulary from exercise 3 and 4, discuss the following choices.

A. Would you choose to have a boss that is demanding or the one that is lenient?
B. Would you prefer to have neighbours with small children or neighbours that love listening to loud music?
C. Would you rather be alone for the rest of your life or always be surrounded by annoying people?
D. Would you prefer to have an apartment near the beach or an apartment with a swimming pool?
E. Would you rather speak perfect English or know the basics of Chinese language and be able to communicate?
F. Would you rather always have to tell the truth or always lie?
G. Would you rather find your true love or a suitcase with five million dollars inside?