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Kids and Family Decisions: Should Their Voices Matter?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Students should share personal experiences and feelings about a family decision in which they were involved. They should describe their role, the decision-making process, and the impact on their understanding and emotions.
2. Challenges may include disagreements, additional time needed for discussions, or varying degrees of maturity among siblings. Solutions might involve setting clear guidelines for participation, encouraging respectful discussions, or involving kids in decisions that directly affect them.
3. In a family where kids are not allowed to participate in decisions, dynamics may become authoritarian, and communication may suffer. Over time, this could lead to resentment or a lack of trust among family members.
4. Parents can strike a balance by involving kids in decisions that directly affect them or by seeking their input in certain family matters, while still maintaining the authority to make necessary parental choices for their well-being. Open communication is key.

