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1[countable] decision (on/about something) decision (to do something) a choice or judgment that you make after thinking and talking about what is the best thing to do to make a decision (= to decide) We need a decision on this by next week. Who made the decision to go ahead with the project? He is really bad at making decisions. We finally reached a decision (= decided after some difficulty). We must come to a decision about what to do next by tomorrow. a big (= an important) decision The final decision is yours. It's a difficult decision for any doctor. The editor's decision is final. Mary is the decision-maker in the house. The decisions by the management committee will affect everyone in the company. 2(also decisiveness) [uncountable] the ability to decide something clearly and quickly This is not a job for someone who lacks decision. opposite indecision 3[uncountable] the process of deciding something The moment of decision had arrived. The power of decision remained with the directors. decide verbdecision noun (≠indecision)decisive adjective (≠indecisive)undecided adjectiveSee decision in the Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary What is a decision? At its core, a decision is a choice made by weighing three essential ingredients that shape every outcome:Information — what you know, filtered through the lens of your experience, assumptions, and cognitive biases.Outcomes — the possible results you anticipate, influenced by past events, incentives, and context.Actions — the steps you take—or sometimes don't take—that turn choices into reality.Each of these ingredients carries significant influence, often both seen and unseen.Our information is rarely objective. Cognitive biases like availability and confirmation bias skew our attention, leading us to overvalue what's familiar and overlook what's unknown.Outcomes are shaped by more than just data. They're coloured by history (base rates) and incentives—think of a salesperson focusing on clients offering the best commission rather than the most strategically important accounts.Actions might feel straightforward, but decisions rarely are. Uncertainty and randomness—entropy—introduce factors beyond your control, while physical and practical limits shape what's possible. And of course, our imperfect human nature means intentions don't always translate perfectly into action.Recognising these intertwined forces is the first step towards adopting an effective decision-making process that improves your ability to choose clearly and confidently.You are your decisions.Every choice you make creates your future. Regardless of how or what you decide, you will have to live with the consequences.Some choices can have a profound impact. It only takes a second to cross a busy road without looking. It only takes another second for the driver to take more notice of the car behind than you. It only takes a second for the car to hit you, causing serious injury.Sometimes events far beyond our considerations, the so called 'black swan' occur.Often, the impact of a decision isn't so sudden, but more drawn out. Take continuous late nights, combined with early starts, and the impact it has on you. Your energy levels are low. Your concentration levels are short and lack quality.It could result in missing out on a promotion or worse.These simple decisions aren't often thought about, but they can make a big difference in your life. Quite simply, they can change the direction of your life in a moment.This all sounds rather negative, and it shouldn't, because there are big upsides too. As much as a decision can go against you, it can go for you.In truth, you'll get more decisions right than you'll get wrong. Most of them you won't even know about. But some will impact your life—and that of others—more than you could ever grasp.Life will give you choices. Being ready to make those decisions when they arrive is the key to getting ahead.Types of DecisionsThe way you decide falls into two distinct camps:Quick vs. Deliberate:Instant Judgments (System 1 thinking)Careful Consideration (System 2 thinking)Instant decision-making (intuitive or impulsive) is known as System 1 thinking.System 1 ThinkingQuick, or instant decisions, are subconscious, so you are often unaware you're making them.Your intuitive choices follow the same foundations of choice as System 2 thinking, but are driven by a multitude of inherent elements. These include:Survival instinctIntuition/gut feelingEmotional drivesHabit/learned responseCuriosityOptimismCourageGrit/perseveranceSelf-belief(The last five also appear as traits found when we adopt System 2 thinking.)These traits are determined by your genes. All those ancestors who contributed to your DNA also set the foundations for the way you decide. Your System 1 thinking is guided by a history far beyond your parents, grandparents, and even their grandparents.Your System 1 thinking is responsible for the vast majority of the decisions you make. When you eat, sleep, breathe, display emotion, and so on, it's often a result of System 1 thinking.System 2 ThinkingSystem 2 thinking is where you make conscious decisions.These decisions demand careful consideration, which brings them beyond the scope of System 1 thinking. Note, this does not stop System 1 from deciding if it thinks it can.Why? Part of the way you think and decide comes from pattern recognition. When your mind sees a decision it has made before, it will assume it can make the same decision again. This is extremely helpful when you're hungry, but less so when assessing a candidate for a new position.System 2 thinking is slower, more reflective, and considerate of the three aspects of a decision (mentioned earlier).The traits it adopts make it clearer how we do this:Curiosity — deliberate information seekingOptimism — reasoned optimism based on evidenceCourage — considered, calculated risksGrit/perseverance — conscious commitment to long-term goalsSelf-belief — evaluated belief in capabilityRational analysis — logical, step-by-step reasoningSelf-control — overriding impulses, deliberate restraintCritical thinking — evaluating evidence, weighing pros and consPause and reflection — slowing down, reassessing before actingSystem 2 thinking gives you a chance to escape some of the traps System 1 thinking falls into.Today, your most important decisions are far more complex than the ones our ancestors faced. So the biases once used to improve life-or-death decisions aren't as applicable today.That's why cognitive biases are known as systematic errors. They don't work in today's world.In summary:System 1 guides decisions through instinct, emotion, intuition, and learned habits.System 2 applies logic, analysis, self-control, and reflective thinking.How to Make Better Decisions: The Practical GuideEvery day, you're faced with choices—big and small. But how do you make sure you're making the best decision possible? The answer lies in understanding & being aware which part of your mind is at work: your quick, intuitive self, or your thoughtful, analytical side.Recognising Which System Is at WorkSystem 1 Thinking: The Fast TrackWhen it's in charge: You're making snap judgments, relying on gut feelings, or responding automatically.How to spot it: You feel certain, act quickly, and might not even realise you're making a choice. This often happens under pressure, when you're tired, or when a situation feels familiar.Red flags for leaders: You're making decisions based on what "feels right" or what's "always worked," especially when time is short.System 2 Thinking: The Reflective RouteWhen it's in charge: You're pausing to think, gathering information, or weighing options carefully.How to spot it: You feel mentally engaged, maybe even a bit tired, because you're analysing, questioning, or challenging your first instinct.Signs for business professionals: You're facing a new problem, seeking evidence, or using tools like decision matrices or checklists to guide your choice.Matching the System to the SituationNot every decision needs deep analysis, and not every choice should be made on instinct. The trick is knowing when to slow down and when to trust your gut.Use System 1 for: Routine tasks, familiar situations, or when the stakes are low.Use System 2 for: New challenges, high-stakes decisions, or when you suspect bias or uncertainty might be at play.Tips for Better Decision-MakingHere are some practical ways to make better choices every day:Pause and ask yourself: "Am I relying on instinct or evidence right now?"Check for bias: If a decision feels too easy, take a moment to question your thinking.Deliberate when it counts: For important decisions—like hiring, investments, or strategic moves—engage System 2 by gathering information and consulting others.Use simple frameworks: Tools like pros and cons lists, decision matrices, or structured debates can help you think more clearly.Set a deadline: Sometimes, the best way to overcome indecision is to give yourself a time limit and stick to it.Putting It All TogetherRemember, the goal isn't to eliminate quick decisions or overthink every choice. It's to recognise which system is best suited for the situation at hand, and to use the right tools and mindset to make the best possible call.When you understand how your mind works, you make better decisions, avoid costly mistakes, and lead with confidence, no matter the challenge.Overcoming IndecisionIndecision is a natural challenge in the decision-making process, particularly when information is incomplete, outcomes are unclear, or the best course of action seems uncertain. For leaders and professionals, hesitation often signals that a closer look at the decision process is needed.Why Indecision HappensIndecision can stem from a number of factors. Sometimes, it arises from the instinct to avoid risk (System 1), which causes us to freeze when the stakes feel high. Other times, it comes from an urge to over-analyse every detail (System 2), leading to endless deliberation in search of a perfect answer.Another common contributor is decision fatigue. The more choices we face throughout the day, big or small, the more our mental energy is depleted. As fatigue sets in, we are more likely to procrastinate, default to familiar options, or avoid making decisions altogether. This is especially noticeable in leadership roles, where the volume and complexity of decisions can gradually erode clarity and confidence.How to Move Forward1. Recognise Decision FatigueBe mindful of moments when you feel mentally drained or overwhelmed by choices. This is a sign to pause, simplify, or delegate less critical decisions to preserve your energy for what matters most.2. Assess ReversibilityAsk yourself: Is this a decision that can be reversed if the outcome is not as expected? If so, give yourself permission to act, knowing you can adjust your approach later. If the decision is permanent, take the time you need, but avoid letting the pursuit of certainty keep you from moving forward.3. Set a Reasonable ThresholdWaiting for perfect information is rarely practical. Instead, aim to make decisions when you have enough information to feel confident, not when you know everything.4. Streamline and Structure Your ProcessReduce the cognitive load by using checklists, routines, or a decision journal. These tools help you externalise your thinking, minimise impulsive choices, and spot patterns that lead to better outcomes over time.5. Align with Your ValuesWhen you are stuck, clarify what matters most. Your values and strategic objectives (the rules of the game)can serve as a guide for evaluating options and making trade-offs with confidence.Practical Tips for LeadersBatch or automate routine decisions: Free up mental space for strategic choices by establishing habits or delegating lower-stakes decisions.Set a deadline: Give yourself a time limit to gather information and decide.Consult trusted colleagues: Sometimes, a fresh perspective is all you need.Decide, review, and adapt: Make your choice, then monitor results and adjust as needed.Indecision is a signal, not a stop sign. By recognising mental exhaustion as a leader and applying these principles, you can break through hesitation and move forward with clarity, one decision at a time.Conclusion: The Power of Better DecisionsEvery decision shapes your future and the future of your organisation. Some choices are quick and instinctive, while others demand careful thought and analysis. Both matter.Great decision-making is not about being perfect. It is about using a clear process—gathering information, weighing your options, and considering possible outcomes before you act. Sometimes, the best choice is to move forward even when you do not have all the answers. Other times, it pays to pause and reflect.You will not get every decision right, and that is normal. What matters is learning from each experience and improving your process over time. By understanding how you make decisions, recognising your habits, and applying practical frameworks, you will build confidence and reduce mistakes.Trust your process and your principles. Use the tools and strategies you have learned here. With practice, you will make better decisions, lead with clarity, and help your organisation grow.Each decision is an opportunity. Make it count. Also found in: Thesaurus, Medical, Legal, Financial, Acronyms, Idioms, Encyclopedia, Wikipedia.Related to decision: decision maker (dĭ-sĭzh′ən)n.1. A conclusion or judgment reached after consideration: Have you come to a decision yet?2. The act of reaching a conclusion or of passing of judgment on an issue under consideration: The judges' decision is taking a long time.3. Firmness of character or action; determination: Is he a man of decision?4. Sports A victory won on points in boxing when no knockout has occurred or in wrestling when no fall has occurred.5. Baseball A win or loss accorded to a pitcher: has four wins in six decisions.tr.v. de·ci·sioned, de·ci·sion·ing, de·ci·sions Sports To defeat by a decision, as in boxing: decisioned his opponent in the third round.[Middle English decisioun, from Old French decision, from Latin dēcisiō, dēcīsiōn-, curtailment, settlement, from dēcisus, past participle of dēcīdere, to cut off, decide; see decide.]Synonyms: decision, conclusion, determination These nouns denote a position, opinion, or judgment reached after consideration: a decision unfavorable to the opposition; came to the conclusion not to proceed; satisfied with the panel's determination.American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright © 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. 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Link to this page: In many cases it will connect itself with the pre-existing factions, and will enlist all their animosities, partialities, influence, and interest on one side or on the other; and in such cases there will always be the greatest danger that the decision will be regulated more by the comparative strength of parties, than by the real demonstrations of innocence or guilt.There is certainly great force in this reasoning, and it must be allowed to prove that a constitutional road to the decision of the people ought to be marked out and kept open, for certain great and extraordinary occasions.The quality of decision is like the well-timed swoop of a falcon which enables it to strike and destroy its victim.After a good deal of fruitless argument the question was referred for decision to a passing Coyote, who was a bit of a demagogue and desirous to stand well with both.He remembered the parable of the unjust judge, and though he had previously felt sure that he ought to refuse, he now began to hesitate and, having hesitated, took to prayer and prayed until a decision formed itself in his soul.With this permission Sancho said to the peasants who stood clustered round him, waiting with open mouths for the decision to come from his, "Brothers, what the fat man requires is not in reason, nor has it a shadow of justice in it; because, if it be true, as they say, that the challenged may choose the weapons, the other has no right to choose such as will prevent and keep him from winning.The result, however, of this decision was to create a rivalry entirely without precedent between the different towns of these two States.At each turn in his walk, especially at the parquet of the lighted dining room, he halted and said to himself, "Yes, this I must decide and put a stop to; I must express my view of it and my decision." And he turned back again.They agreed to appoint Momus as judge, and to abide by his decision. Momus, however, being very envious of the handicraft of each, found fault with all.I request them to suspend their decision until they have read my narrative.Great though my distress of mind was, I soon arrived at a decision...."What decision have you been pleased to come to?" said he. 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In order to receive a win, the starting pitcher must complete at least five innings and leave with the lead. If the pitcher's lead is preserved by the bullpen, he is credited with a win. Any time a pitcher enters the game with a lead or a tie and leaves with a deficit, he is on the hook for a loss. In addition, a reliever can record a win as long as he enters the game with a tie or a deficit and leaves with the lead. However, in this case, any baserunner he leaves on will count against him if he scores after the pitcher leaves the game. For instance, if a reliever comes in with a 1-run lead, and leaves the game after giving up a single, he is on the hook for that runner. If the runner scores, he does not get a decision. If the runner is stranded, and the lead is preserved until the end of the game, the relief pitcher will record the win. This is also the case for the starting pitcher if he pitches the requisite number of innings. 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Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences, and far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, Roe and Casey have enflamed debate and deepened division. It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives.Kylian Mbappé:The years pass but they are different, and the context is different now. That goes for sporting terms, and also, personally, i was free to make a decision and I know how important that is here in France. 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