

# Choosing a topic

Choosing the right topic is important. If your team is having trouble deciding on a topic area, give these helpful strategies a try:

## Getting a consensus:

- Just take your time.
- Leave making the decision for a day or two.
- Your team needs to choose a topic that all group members are okay with.
- You must all agree.
- If one member of the team is unhappy then you don't have a decision.
- So think about and discuss it until you can all agree.

## Defend it

- Each team member defends their preference as strongly as possible.
- You should be open to the point-of-view of other team members.
- You should make positive statements only.
- You can say why you think your preference would be a good choice for your team's project but you cannot comment on or evaluate other team member's preferences.

If you can't come to a consensus after trying for a while, try this:

### Four Votes:

- List your team's possible topics.
- Each team member has **four votes** to use any way they choose on the possible topics they prefer.
- Each team member must vote for **more than one** possible topic e.g. you could vote for one topic three times and another topic only once, or give one vote to each of four possible topics.
- Tally the votes to determine the decision.

