

Are You Prepared to Share? (2019)

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Activity

The Free Lunch Foundation (FLF) offers two people X and Y the following one time only opportunity, the rules being carefully explained to both players.

X will be given \$30 which X must split into two parts, one for X and the other for Y. X is not able to communicate or discuss with Y how Y looks at matters.

If Y accepts the amount Y is offered by X, then FLF gives X the \$30 and the split is carried out. If Y does not accept what is offered then FLF gives X nothing, so neither X nor Y get anything. Again, both X and Y understand how the arrangement works.

Question 1

If you personally were offered the role of X how would you split the \$30?

If you were Y what would you want in the way of an offer from X to accept?

Question 2.

What do you think people when offered this opportunity actually do?

Comment:

Experiments have been done to see what people with different characteristics (young, old, women, men, etc.) do in this situation, and for varying sizes of the amount to be divided.