

A role play

The Setting:

Georgetown is a nice little town, located on Lake George in the South of England. About 30 000 people live there. Most of them either earn their money from tourism or work in the paper mill. A few weeks ago, Jamie / James Waterman, the owner of a little restaurant at the lake, talked about his plans at the last town meeting: He wants to set up a water-ski lift as an additional tourist attraction. A big discussion on this subject started in town. Thus, the mayoress / mayor decided to invite the different groups to a town meeting to discuss the plans.

The groups and their spokesperson are:

Group	Spokesperson
Industry (eg water mill)	Danielle / Daniel Miller
Town people	Willa / Will Free
Environmentalists	Christin / Chris Green
Tourism Association (owners of hotels, restaurants, ...)	Jamie / James Waterman

1. Role card of: Industry (eg water mill)**Spokesperson:** Danielle / Daniel Miller

As owners of the paper mill you need water from the lake for the paper production. You also want to be allowed to discharge the used water back into the lake; but for that, the new water-ski lift would be in the way. You are very important for the people living in town because you offer a lot of jobs.

2. Role card of: Towns-people**Spokesperson:** Willa / Will Free

You and your families have been living in your town for ages. Some of you can even trace your family history back to the founders of Georgetown. The lake has always played an important role in your lives. You really enjoy swimming, surfing, fishing or just relaxing there. Besides, you need the water from the lake as a source for drinking water. It's your lake and not the one of tourists or industry.

3. Role card of: Environmentalists**Spokesperson:** Christin / Chris Green

There are a lot of plants and animals in the lake and at the lake that can only live there. You want to protect those living things and the environment they live in. The planned water-ski lift would destroy at least some of that. So you speak for the plants and animals because they have the right to be there but can't speak up. And, in the long run, even humans can't live without clean and fresh water.

4. Role card of: Tourism Association (owners of hotels, restaurants, ...)**Spokesperson:** Jamie / James Waterman

You want to set up a water-ski lift to attract more tourists. As a consequence, there would be more jobs in town – not just at the lift but at hotels and restaurants as well. Besides, water-skiing is a lot of fun and does not do much harm to the lake.