

PHIL001. INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY – CHOOSING A TRANSPORTATION MACHINE

In this activity, your goal is to *survive* by purchasing one of the following transportation devices:

TRANSPORTATION DEVICES

(1) **The Physical (Same-Body or Same-Brain) Transportation Device:** This device works by first scanning the physical constitution of the customer, painlessly disassembling their body parts, shipping these body parts in a well-protected container, and then (using the information from the scanner and the original parts) reassembling these body parts.

(2) **The Psychological (Memory-Connected or Psychological Continuity) Transportation Device:** This device works by isolating various psychological features (e.g. memory, personality, and general flow of consciousness) in the customer (e.g. by analyzing the physical arrangement of their brain). Once the analysis has been completed: (i) the information is sent electronically to the client's chosen destination, (ii) the physical body of the customer is painlessly vaporized, and (iii) a person is created, using new material, at the chosen destination.

(3) **The Biological Transportation Device:** This device works by first scanning the physical constitution of the customer (and coding for the *type* of organism), painlessly disassembling their body parts, shipping these body parts in a well-protected container, and then (using the information from the scanner and the original parts) reassembling these body parts into the same *type* of organism.

Assume that only one of the machines above will preserve your personal identity. If you choose incorrectly, you will perish. Thus, your primary interest is to pick the machine that you think **will preserve your personal identity**. That is, for any person A, if A walks into the transporter at t_1 , and B is a person and comes out of the transporter at t_2 , then your machine (and only your machine) makes it such that B is A

When making their sales pitch, a number of greedy salespeople will try to distract you from your primary interest by pointing to a number of features that are *irrelevant* or *non-essential* to the preservation of your existence. Be wary! The various machines may produce *other*, undesirable results but your principal focus is, to repeat, to preserve your personal identity.

Here is how to survive: there are three other judges (so a total of four) who will be hearing sales pitches from transportation-device salespeople. In order to survive, you want your choice to fall into the majority opinion. The only problem is this: you do not know *which* one of the devices they will choose. What you do know is that their primary interest is like yours, namely to stay alive by choosing the transportation device that will preserve your existence. So, try to be as objective as possible in making your decision. In order to help you in this process, there is a table on the back of this sheet.

The Physical (Same-Body or Same-Brain) Transportation Device			
	<i>Relevant Strengths</i>	<i>Relevant Weakness</i>	<i>Irrelevant</i>
Notes			
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The Psychological (Memory-Connected or Psychological Continuity) Transportation Device			
	<i>Relevant Strengths</i>	<i>Relevant Weakness</i>	<i>Irrelevant</i>
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The Biological Transportation Device			
	<i>Relevant Strengths</i>	<i>Relevant Weakness</i>	<i>Irrelevant</i>
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