

Letter 1 from Donald Ablestein
Explain: To Be Fair ...

Class,

I heard that you have been working on testing boat parts. My company makes watercraft. We make many different kinds of boats, from sailboats to cruise ships. We also specialize in spacecraft, like rockets and satellites. At the moment, we are trying to hire several new people. Until we get these new people hired, we need some help from you.

We are hoping to start a new product line of parts for our boats. We are also working toward having environmentally friendly products. We do not want to harm the environment. We do tests regularly to make sure our products do not lower water quality and to check other environmental issues. As part of our plan to find new products, we have been taking applications from smaller companies. These companies have a product that they want to sell to us to put in our product line. We have narrowed our choices down to the top three products.

We would like you to help us select the final product. The applications give details about how the smaller companies have tested their products. We would like you to help us determine which of the companies used fair tests. All the products have good test results, so we want to make sure the tests were fair. This should give us reliable results about the product. We need this information to choose the new product we will sell.

As part of your work, you will need to learn more about fair tests. We have provided you with information on fair tests. We also sent you a checklist to use as you choose the product. Finally, we would like you to give us evidence about why you selected your top choice. You will find all the forms and information you need in the packet we sent.

Sincerely,

Donald Ablestein
President, ABC Water and Space, Inc.