

SHORT-TERM PROJECTS vs. TAKE-ACTION PROJECTS

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<p>Issue: Your troop leader sees some homeless people and tells you that it's sad because they have no socks.</p> <p>Short-term Project: Do a sock collection at your school and hand out socks.</p>	<p>Root Cause:</p> <p>Take Action Project:</p>
<p>Issue: You see on the news that there are kids who go to the school down the street who can't read.</p> <p>Short-term Project: Collect books to give to the local librarian.</p>	<p>Root Cause:</p> <p>Take Action Project:</p>
<p>Issue: Your friends were hiking at the park near your house and nearly get lost because they lost the trail!</p> <p>Short-term Project: Take your friends back and show them where the trail is.</p>	<p>Root Cause:</p> <p>Take Action Project:</p>
<p>Issue: A family's home catches fire and they lose everything. They have no insurance and now have nothing.</p> <p>Short-term Project: Collect clothes, household goods, and food for the family.</p>	<p>Root Cause:</p> <p>Take Action Project:</p>
<p>Issue: Your parents won't let you and your friends go to the park because it's dirty and there are homeless people there.</p> <p>Short-term Project: Organize a cleanup effort to clean the park.</p>	<p>Root Cause:</p> <p>Take Action Project:</p>

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<p>Issue: Your little sister is in tears. She heard on the radio that the local Animal Shelter has too many animals and may put some of them to sleep.</p> <p>Short-term Project: Beg your family to adopt a dog.</p>	<p>Root Cause:</p> <p>Take Action Project:</p>
<p>Issue: You hear your friend's mom talking about the local landfill, which is getting very full and may fill up soon.</p> <p>Short-term Project: Hold a recycling drive.</p>	<p>Root Cause:</p> <p>Take Action Project:</p>
<p>Issue: Your friend whispers that her friend Cathy didn't eat dinner last night because her family had no food.</p> <p>Short-term Project: Hold a food drive for families in need.</p>	<p>Root Cause:</p> <p>Take Action Project:</p>
<p>Issue: You hear some of your friends talking about other students at your school, and they're calling them names that aren't very nice.</p> <p>Short-term Project: Talk to them about how we should all get along.</p>	<p>Root Cause:</p> <p>Take Action Project:</p>
<p>Issue: <i>Create your own!</i></p> <p>Short-term Project:</p>	<p>Root Cause:</p> <p>Take Action Project:</p>