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Aline, Hélène, Zoé, Pierre and Jules want to cross a river as quickly as possible. They have a rowing boat available which holds a maximum of three people.



Aline and Pierre are experienced rowers. On their own or with both of them together they can cross in two minutes.

Unfortunately the others are so clumsy that with one of them on board the crossing takes eight minutes.

What is the fastest time that the five friends can take to get to the other side of the river? Explain your answer.