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Needs and Wants

Circle group

People have needs and wants. A need is a thing you must have to live. Food, water, clothes, and a safe home are needs.

A want is a thing that is nice to have. But you can live without it. A toy, a game, and a treat are wants.

Families can't buy all they want. They have just so much money. So they must make choices. A family may buy food and a warm coat first. Then they may save up for a new game.

Know needs from wants. It helps you choose well.

Questions

1. What is a need?

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2. Name two needs.

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3. What is a want?

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4. Why must families make choices?

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5. A child needs a warm coat and wants a new game. What should the family buy first? Why?

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6. Why might a family save money?

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Words to know

need: something you must have to live, such as food and water
want: something that is nice to have but that you can live without
choice: picking one thing instead of another
save: to keep money to use later

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Triangle group

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A want is something that is nice to have, but you can live without it. A toy, a game, and a treat are wants.

Families cannot buy everything they want. They have only so much money. So they must make choices. A family may spend money on food and a warm coat first. Later, they may save money for a new game.

Knowing the difference between needs and wants helps people choose well.

Questions

1. What is a need?

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2. What are two needs?

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3. What is a want?

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4. Why must families make choices?

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5. A child needs a warm coat and wants a new game. Which should the family buy first, and why?

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6. Why might a family save money?

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Needs and Wants

Square group

People have both needs and wants. A need is something you must have in order to survive. Food, water, clothing, and a safe place to live are all needs.

A want, on the other hand, is something that is pleasant to have, although you could live without it. A toy, a game, and a special treat are examples of wants.

Families cannot purchase everything they would like, because they have only a limited amount of money. Therefore, they must make careful choices. A family might spend its money on food and a warm coat first. Later on, they might save money for a new game.

Understanding the difference between needs and wants helps people make wise decisions.

Questions

1. How does the passage define a need?

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2. Name two examples of needs from the passage.

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3. How is a want defined in the passage?

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4. Why must families make careful choices about spending?

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5. A child needs a warm coat but wants a new game. Which should the family purchase first, and why?

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6. What might be a reason for a family to save money?

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For the teacher: Needs and Wants

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Needs and Wants

Easier · 94 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.3

1. A thing you must have to live.
2. Any two of: food, water, clothes, a safe home.
3. A thing that is nice to have, but you can live without it.
4. They can't buy all they want. They have just so much money.
5. The coat. It is a need. The game is a want, so it can wait.
6. To buy a thing they want or need later.

Triangle: Needs and Wants

This passage · 96 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.1

1. Something you must have to live.
2. Any two of: food, water, clothes, a safe home.
3. Something that is nice to have, but that you can live without.
4. They cannot buy everything they want, because they have only so much money.
5. The coat, because it is a need. The game is a want and can wait.
6. To buy something they want or need later.

Square: Needs and Wants

Harder · 117 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.9

1. Something you must have in order to survive.
2. Any two of: food, water, clothing, a safe place to live.
3. Something pleasant to have that you could live without.
4. They cannot purchase everything they would like, because they have only a limited amount of money.
5. The coat, because it is a need. The game is a want, so it can wait.
6. To buy something they want or need later on.