



Wants & Needs

Extension Activity for *Earn, Save, Spend & Share* or *I Need It! I Want It!* Presentations

Grade Level:

Grades 1- 2

Learning Objective:

This extension activity, along with the *Earn, Save, Spend & Share* or *I Need It! I Want It!* presentations should help students:

- identify the differences between needs/wants through classroom discussions, illustrations
- and conversations with family members

Materials Needed:

- *Wants vs. Needs* worksheet (1 per student)
- *Wants & Needs* worksheet #1 (1 per student)
- *Wants & Needs* worksheet #2 (1 per student)
- *My Family's Wants & Needs* worksheet (1 per student)
- pencil (1 per student)

Lesson Plan:

1. Review the differences between wants and needs with students:
needs: items people require to survive such as food, clothing, shelter and sleep
wants: items people don't need to survive but make life more fun such as candy and toys
2. Remind students needs and wants are different for each person. Everybody needs food, water, sleep and shelter to survive. However, the amount needed vary amongst different people. For example, some people may require more sleep than others. Some people may have needs that others do not. For example, some people may need glasses to see but other people can see without glasses
3. Explain to students' people purchase both items they need and want. Some places sell items people need such as food. Some places sell items people want such as toys. Some places sell both items that people need and items they want. For example, a grocery store sells both items people need (e.g. healthy food) and items they want (e.g. candy)
4. Review the different places where people purchase goods such as grocery stores, stores, bookstores, shopping malls, convenience stores, thrift stores, etc.



5. Distribute worksheets for students to complete. The *My Family's Wants & Needs* worksheet will need to be completed at home
6. Review answers to worksheets with students after they have completed the activities

Wants vs. Needs

We need some things to survive, but some things we want but don't need. Look at the pictures below and circle whether you think each one is a need or a want.

 <p>LOLLIPOP</p> <p>NEED WANT</p>	 <p>PETS</p> <p>NEED WANT</p>	 <p>CANDY</p> <p>NEED WANT</p>
 <p>SOCCER BALL</p> <p>NEED WANT</p>	 <p>CLOTHES</p> <p>NEED WANT</p>	 <p>MOVIES</p> <p>NEED WANT</p>
 <p>COFFEE</p> <p>NEED WANT</p>	 <p>MEDICINE</p> <p>NEED WANT</p>	 <p>TOOTHBRUSH</p> <p>NEED WANT</p>
 <p>FRUITS & VEGETABLES</p> <p>NEED WANT</p>	 <p>SOCKS</p> <p>NEED WANT</p>	 <p>BOARD GAME</p> <p>NEED WANT</p>

Wants vs. Needs: Answer Key

We need some things to survive, but some things we want but don't need. Look at the pictures below and circle whether you think each one is a need or a want.

 LOLLIPOP NEED WANT	 PETS NEED WANT	 CANDY NEED WANT
 SOCCER BALL NEED WANT	 CLOTHES NEED WANT	 MOVIES NEED WANT
 COFFEE NEED WANT	 MEDICINE NEED WANT	 TOOTHBRUSH NEED WANT
 FRUITS & VEGETABLES NEED WANT	 SOCKS NEED WANT	 BOARD GAME NEED WANT



Wants & Needs – Worksheet #1

Needs are things people require to survive such as food, clothes and shelter.

Wants are things people do not need to survive such as video games, tablets and toys.

Find 5 stores that sell items people need. Write the names of these stores in the left-hand column.

Find 5 stores that sell items people want. Write the names of these stores in the right-hand column.

Stores that provide NEEDS	Stores that provide WANTS
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.



Wants & Needs: Worksheet # 2

Instructions: categorize the list of words below into what a person **needs** to survive, and what a person **wants** to have in their life

food	ice-cream	water
air	bicycle	clothing
toys	cell phone	television
family	games	shelter
music	bed	trees
shoes	electricity	glasses

WANTS	NEEDS

Instructions: discuss your choices with a partner. Are there any choices you made with which your partner disagrees? Explain your choices below.

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My Family's Wants and Needs

Ask a parent or guardian for some help on this worksheet. Talk about answers to the following questions to find out what your family needs and wants are:

1. What are some of our family's needs? What do we need that we use in the kitchen or bathroom? What do we need that we use everyday? What are some things we need that we only use occasionally?

2. What are some things family members want to buy? Who in our family wants these items?

3. How do we decide whether an item is a want or a need?

4. How do we decide which of our wants to get?

5. How do we save or earn money for our wants?