Needs and Wants Cut and Sort



Cut out the cards. Glue each one under Needs (things we must have to live) or Wants (things that are nice to have).

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Needs

We must have these to live.

Wants

Nice to have, but we can live without them.

✂ Cut out the cards

A warm coat	A home	Ice cream	Food
Clothes	Toys	Stickers	Video games
A bike	Medicine	Water	Candy

Art © Kevin Coulston

NEEDS AND WANTS · GRADES K–2 · 2 OF 5

Need or Want?



Read each word. Circle N if it is a need. Circle W if it is a want.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1. Healthy food	N	W	7. Soap	N	W
2. A balloon	N	W	8. A trampoline	N	W
3. Clean water	N	W	9. A toothbrush	N	W
4. A toy robot	N	W	10. A movie ticket	N	W
5. A bed to sleep in	N	W	11. Shoes	N	W
6. A cupcake	N	W	12. Sparkly stickers	N	W

N = need **W** = want

Something I want is... Something I need is...

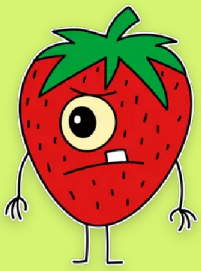
Art © Kevin Coulston

NEEDS AND WANTS · GRADES K–2 · 3 OF 5

Draw Your Needs and Wants

Draw 3 things you need and 3 things you want. Write a word under each one.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



Needs

Wants

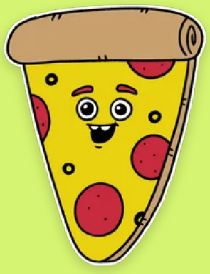
Which want could you live without? Why?

Art © Kevin Coulston

NEEDS AND WANTS · GRADES K–2 · 4 OF 5

Shopping With $10

You have $10 to spend at the store. Buy the needs first! Then see what is left.



Name: _____ **Date:** _____

The store

Bread $3	Milk $2	Apples $2	Toothpaste $1
Toy truck $5	Stickers $1	Candy $2	Ball $4

You have: $10

1. **Which items are needs? Circle them on the store sign.**

_____

2. **How much do all the needs cost together? $ _____**

3. **How much money is left after the needs? $ _____**

4. **Which want could you buy with the money left?**

_____

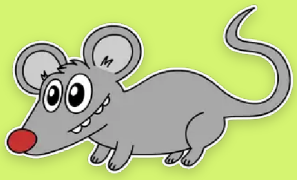
5. **If you bought the toy truck first, could you still buy all the needs?**

_____

Art © Kevin Coulston

Save, Spend, Share

Pretend you have $10. Decide how much to save, spend and share. Draw what you would do with each jar.



Name: _____ **Date:** _____



Save	Spend	Share
$_____	$_____	$_____

Check: my three jars add up to $10. _____ + _____ + _____ = $10

I am saving for...

I would share with...

Art © Kevin Coulston

SOCIAL STUDIES · NEEDS AND WANTS · FOR GROWN-UPS

Answer key: Needs and wants

Needs and Wants Cut and Sort

Needs: Food, Water, Clothes, A home, Medicine, A warm coat

Wants: Toys, Candy, Video games, A bike, Ice cream, Stickers

Need or Want?

1. Healthy food: **need**
2. A balloon: **want**
3. Clean water: **need**
4. A toy robot: **want**
5. A bed to sleep in: **need**
6. A cupcake: **want**
7. Soap: **need**
8. A trampoline: **want**
9. A toothbrush: **need**
10. A movie ticket: **want**
11. Shoes: **need**
12. Sparkly stickers: **want**

Shopping With $10

1. Which items are needs? Circle them on the store sign. **Bread, milk, apples and toothpaste**
2. How much do all the needs cost together? **$8**
3. How much money is left after the needs? **$2**
4. Which want could you buy with the money left? **Stickers ($1) or candy ($2)**
5. If you bought the toy truck first, could you still buy all the needs? **No: $10 − $5 = $5, and the needs cost $8**

Art © Kevin Coulston