



Activity Tips

Grades K-2

ACTIVITY

Do You Really Need It?

OVERVIEW

This activity is single-focused – exploring the difference between needs and wants. An understanding of these concepts allows them to distinguish between needs and wants when making a decision to buy something.

OBJECTIVES

Participants in this activity will:

- Understand the definition of needs and wants
- Explore opportunities to apply the definitions of needs and wants.

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- The concepts of needs and wants are very abstract. Be sensitive to any opportunity to apply the meaning of the concepts.

DURING THE ACTIVITY

- There are several scenarios in the activity for concept reinforcement. If participants are incorrect in their answers, allow for multiple opportunities while discussing why they selected certain choices.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY

- Encourage the participants to identify and share with other participants needs and wants opportunities they identify in their home

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- For an extended activity, consider including a discussion of the importance of meeting needs before wants in making purchases.