Needs and wants

6 practice questions

1. Maya needs a pencil for class. She has three dollars. A pencil costs one dollar and a toy costs three dollars. Which should she buy first?

It is needed for class. The toy would use all her money.

Answer: The pencil.

2. A shop has a two-dollar drink and a four-dollar toy. Bo has only two dollars and needs a drink. Can Bo buy the drink?

The drink costs the same amount as Bo has.

Answer: Yes.

3. Ari's lunch is already packed. Ari wants a badge. Is the badge needed for lunch in this story?

Lunch is already supplied.

Answer: No; it is a want in this story.

4. Name one reason a person might save money instead of buying a toy now.

A sensible answer explains a future goal; other reasonable reasons are acceptable.

Answer: For example, to buy a needed item later.

5. A class needs paper costing four dollars. It has five dollars. A decoration costs two dollars. Can it buy both? What should come first?

Four and two make six, which is more than five. The paper is the stated need.

Answer: It cannot buy both. Buy the paper first.

6. Jo says, 'Everyone must choose the same want.' Is Jo right? Explain.

People can enjoy different things. A sensible choice fits the person's situation and available money.

Answer: No.