

Need or Want?

Students sort everyday items as needs or wants.

SS.K.E.1.4 "Identify the difference between basic needs and wants."

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CIRCLE IT _____

a	water	toy	candy
b	bed	balloon	food
c	food	home	toy
d	shirt	candy	game

2 WRITE A LETTER _____

shelter	
toy	

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Tell students that a need is something people must have to live and stay healthy, such as air. A want is something extra that can be nice to have, such as a kite. Read each choice aloud, then have students make one mark for each question.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • CIRCLE IT

SAY “Listen as I read the words in each row. Think about whether people need something to live and stay healthy, or whether it is a want. Circle one word for each question.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	I will read the words: water, toy, candy. Which one is a need?	water
b	I will read the words: bed, balloon, food. Which one is a want?	balloon
c	I will read the words: food, home, toy. Which one is a want?	toy
d	I will read the words: shirt, candy, game. Which one is a need?	shirt

PART 2 • WRITE A LETTER

SAY “Look at the word beside each box as I read it. Write N if it is a need. Write W if it is a want.”

- Box 1 (beside shelter): **N**
- Box 2 (beside toy): **W**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle row answers are water, balloon, toy, and shirt. Accept a clear N for shelter and a clear W for toy, including lowercase letters if the meaning is clear.