

Fair Choices

See how different goods and services are given out.

SS2E2 "Identify some ways in which goods and services are allocated (such as: price, majority rule, contests, force, sharing, lottery, authority, first-come-first-served, and personal characteristics)."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every word or phrase that tells how a good or service was allocated. Write the numbers 1 through 9 beside the different methods you find.

Choices at the School Fair

- ① At the school fair, people used different ways to decide who got goods and services. A booth sold fruit cups for \$2. The first people in line could buy them until they were gone. Price and first-come-first-served allocated the fruit cups.
- ② At the game table, students voted for either a ring toss or a beanbag game. The game with the most votes was offered. Majority rule allocated the game. In a running contest, the fastest racer won a ribbon. A contest allocated the ribbon.
- ③ The principal chose helpers to pass out books. Authority allocated that service. A raffle winner received a prize by lottery. Children shared one poster, taking turns. Force would be unfair, such as grabbing it. A team chose tall students for a shelf, using personal characteristics.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

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Which two methods allocated the fruit cups?

2

What method decided which game was offered? What detail shows this?

3

What allocated the service of passing out books? What allocated the raffle prize?

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YOUR TURN

Your own words

Fill in the table with three new examples of goods or services being allocated. Use a different method in each row, and do not use fruit cups, games, books, or raffle prizes.

GOOD OR SERVICE	ALLOCATION METHOD	HOW IT IS ALLOCATED

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline every word or phrase that tells how a good or service was allocated. Write the numbers 1 through 9 beside the different methods you find. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which two methods allocated the fruit cups?	Price and first-come-first-served.
2	What method decided which game was offered? What detail shows this?	Majority rule. The game with the most votes was offered.
3	What allocated the service of passing out books? What allocated the raffle prize?	Authority allocated the book-passing service. Lottery allocated the raffle prize.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

GOOD OR SERVICE	ALLOCATION METHOD	HOW IT IS ALLOCATED
Library computer	First-come-first-served	The first student in line uses it.
Class crayons	Sharing	Each child uses the red crayon for one turn.
Flag raiser job	Personal characteristics	The student who can reach the rope gets the job.

Accept any accurate new examples that name a good or service, a valid allocation method, and a matching explanation. Methods may include price, majority rule, contests, force, sharing, lottery, authority, first-come-first-served, or personal characteristics.