

Prices Make Choices

See how prices guide buyers and sellers in a market.

SS3E3.b "Describe how goods and services are allocated by price in the marketplace."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each price in the passage. Circle each sentence that tells what a buyer receives, chooses, or does not receive because of a price.

A Market Morning

- ① On Saturday, Maya visited the town market with twelve dollars. At one booth, apples cost one dollar each. At another booth, apples cost two dollars each. Maya chose three one-dollar apples because their price fit her budget. The lower price helped decide which seller received Maya's money and which apples Maya took home that day.
- ② Price also helps allocate services. Maya wanted her bike washed before a family ride. One worker charged four dollars, while another charged eight dollars for the same wash. Maya chose the four-dollar service. Because she paid that price, the first worker used time and supplies to wash her bike. The other worker was not chosen by Maya that morning.
- ③ At a market, buyers decide whether a price is worth paying. Sellers decide what price to ask for goods or services. When a buyer pays a price, that buyer receives the item or service. People who do not want to pay that price may choose something else, wait, or go without. In this way, prices help share limited goods and services among buyers.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Why did Maya buy apples from the one-dollar booth?

2 How was the bike-washing service allocated by price?

3 What are three things people may do if they do not want to pay a price?

4 According to the passage, how do prices help share limited goods and services?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

A snack cart sells bananas for 50 cents each and granola bars for \$1.25 each. You have \$1. Write two sentences explaining what you would buy and how the price decides what you receive.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each price in the passage. Circle each sentence that tells what a buyer receives, chooses, or does not receive because of a price. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why did Maya buy apples from the one-dollar booth?	The one-dollar apples fit her budget.
2	How was the bike-washing service allocated by price?	Maya chose and paid for the four-dollar wash, so the first worker washed her bike. The eight-dollar worker was not chosen by Maya.
3	What are three things people may do if they do not want to pay a price?	They may choose something else, wait, or go without.
4	According to the passage, how do prices help share limited goods and services?	A buyer who pays the price receives the item or service. Buyers who do not want to pay may make another choice, so prices help decide who gets limited goods and services.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would buy two bananas for 50 cents each because I have one dollar. The snack cart gives me the bananas because I can pay its price.

Accept any two-sentence response that correctly uses the one-dollar budget and explains that paying a price allows the buyer to receive the chosen good. Students may choose two bananas or explain that they cannot afford a granola bar with the stated budget.