

Choices Have Costs

Students identify needed choices and connect each choice to something a family must give up.

1.9b "Families and communities must make choices due to unlimited needs and wants, and scarce resources; these choices involve costs."

NAME _____

DATE _____

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

1 CHOOSE FIRST _____

a	Food	Toy	Book
b	Game	Coat	Candy
c	Ball	Shoes	Bus

2 WHAT WAITS _____

Milk	•	•	Movie
Book	•	•	Stickers
Heat	•	•	Puzzle

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each prompt aloud and give students time to mark their answers. Explain that families have limited money, so choosing one thing can mean waiting for another thing. For example, if a family has money for bread or crayons and chooses bread, the crayons must wait.

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

PART 1 • CHOOSE FIRST

SAY “Listen to each short story. I will read the words in every row. Circle the word that answers the question.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	A family has money for one thing. A child needs lunch today. The words are Food, Toy, Book. Which word names the best choice for lunch? Circle it.	Food
b	It is cold, and a child's coat is too small. The family has money for one thing. The words are Game, Coat, Candy. Which word names the best choice? Circle it.	Coat
c	A child has a doctor visit across town. The family has money for one thing. The words are Ball, Shoes, Bus. Which choice helps the child get to the visit? Circle it.	Bus

PART 2 • WHAT WAITS

SAY “Look at the words on the left and the words on the right. A family can choose milk or stickers, a book or a puzzle, and heat or a movie, but it has money for only one thing in each pair. If the family chooses each left word, which right word must wait? Draw a line to show each cost.”

- **Milk** matches **Stickers**
- **Book** matches **Puzzle**
- **Heat** matches **Movie**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle Food, Coat, and Bus. Match Milk to Stickers, Book to Puzzle, and Heat to Movie. Accept clear lines that connect the correct pairs.