Nia Makes a Choice

Read about money, choices, and scarcity.

2.C.4.5 "Explain that scarcity is a condition of not being able to have all of the goods and services that a person wants or needs."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline Nia's $8 and the prices of the haircut and soccer ball. Circle the sentence that shows why she cannot get both.

Nia's Eight Dollars

1. Nia has $8. She needs a haircut because her hair keeps getting in her eyes. The haircut costs $6. She also wants a soccer ball that costs $5. She checks her money before buying anything.

2. The haircut is a service because a person does work for Nia. The soccer ball is a good because it is a thing she can use. Together, they cost $11. Nia has only $8, so she cannot get both.

3. When people cannot have all the goods and services they want or need, that is called scarcity. Nia decides to pay for the haircut. She will save more money for the soccer ball. She cannot get everything today.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why can't Nia get both the haircut and the soccer ball?

2. How does Nia's choice show scarcity?

3. If Nia buys the soccer ball first, can she also pay for the haircut? Use the prices to explain.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Make up a person who wants or needs two things but cannot afford both. In two sentences, name the things, give the money amount and both prices, and use the word scarcity to explain the problem.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.C.4.5

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline Nia's $8 and the prices of the haircut and soccer ball. Circle the sentence that shows why she cannot get both. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why can't Nia get both the haircut and the soccer ball?	**They cost $11 together, but Nia has only $8.**
2	How does Nia's choice show scarcity?	**She pays for the haircut she needs but cannot also get the soccer ball she wants.**
3	If Nia buys the soccer ball first, can she also pay for the haircut? Use the prices to explain.	**No. After buying the $5 ball, she would have $3 left, which is not enough for the $6 haircut.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Leo has $7, needs a notebook for $5, and wants a toy car for $4. Leo faces scarcity because both cost $9, but he has only $7.

Accept examples in which the two prices add up to more than the person's money. The explanation should connect that limit to not being able to get both things.