

Need or Want?

Students sort everyday items as needs or wants and explain the difference aloud.

K.5.B "explain the difference between needs and wants; and"

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	game	air	sticker
c	air	water	toy
d	game	shelter	balloon

2 WRITE IT _____

air	
game	

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read the scripts and row prompts aloud while students mark the page. Listen for students to explain that needs help people live, stay healthy, or stay safe, while wants are nice to have but are not necessary.

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 “A need helps us live, stay healthy, or stay safe. A want is nice to have, but it is not necessary. How can you tell a partner how a need and a want are different?”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: water, toy, candy. Which word names a need that helps a person live or stay healthy?	water
b	Listen: game, air, sticker. Which word names a need that helps a person live?	air
c	Listen: air, water, toy. Which word names a want, something nice to have but not necessary?	toy
d	Listen: game, shelter, balloon. Which word names a need that helps keep a person safe from dangerous weather?	shelter

PART 2 • WRITE IT

SAY “I will read the word beside each box. Is it a need or a want, and can you write NEED or WANT in the box?”

- Box 1 (beside air): **NEED**
- Box 2 (beside game): **WANT**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle-row answers are water, air, toy, and shelter. In the boxes, accept NEED for air and WANT for game, with reasonable uppercase or lowercase letter formation; listen for an oral explanation that needs are necessary for living, health, or safety and wants are not necessary.