

Need or Want?

Sort what people need from what they want.

2.13.b "distinguishing between needs and wants;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

NEED

A need is something people must have to live safely and stay healthy. People need these things to live.

warmth on a cold day

WANT

A want is something that is nice to have but is not needed to live safely and stay healthy.

a shiny bracelet

1 SORT

8 items

Circle NEED or WANT for each item, then choose two items and explain how you knew.

1. clean drinking water

NEED

WANT

2. a safe place to live

NEED

WANT

3. an ice cream cone

NEED

WANT

4. a warm coat in winter

NEED

WANT

5. a new action figure

NEED

WANT

6. healthy food

NEED

WANT

7. a doctor when very sick

NEED

WANT

8. a set of glitter stickers

NEED

WANT

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PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new example of a NEED and one new example of a WANT.

NEED _____

WANT _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one WANT and explain how life would be different without it.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	clean drinking water	NEED	People need safe water to live and stay healthy.
2	a safe place to live	NEED	People need shelter to live safely.
3	an ice cream cone	WANT	Ice cream is a treat, not something people must have to live.
4	a warm coat in winter	NEED	A warm coat helps a person stay safe and healthy in cold weather.
5	a new action figure	WANT	A toy is nice to have, but people can live without it.
6	healthy food	NEED	People need food to live and stay healthy.
7	a doctor when very sick	NEED	Medical care can be needed to help a sick person get healthy.
8	a set of glitter stickers	WANT	Stickers are fun, but people do not need them to live.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **NEED:** clean air
- **WANT:** a music player

Challenge: Without a skateboard, I could still live safely, but I would have one less way to play outside.

Answers should show that needs help people live safely and stay healthy. Accept different reasonable examples if students clearly explain why each one is a need or a want.