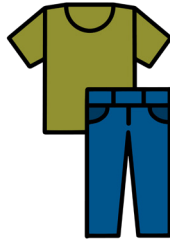




Need or Want?

A need is something that you must have to live a safe and healthy life.



A want is something that you and your family spend money on, and enjoy, but may not NEED.



Label which is a need or a want from the list below.

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| 1. Coat _____ | 6. Toys _____ |
| 2. Video game _____ | 7. Bed _____ |
| 3. Medicine _____ | 8. Home _____ |
| 4. Shirt _____ | 9. Candy _____ |
| 5. Food _____ | 10. Books _____ |



Daily Life & Employment | Examples

Read the following scenarios and answer the questions using your knowledge of needs and wants.

Scenario 1:

Katie is excited about getting a raise at her job and went to buy a new dress. While she was shopping for the dress, she saw an expensive pair of jeans that looked good on her. She talked herself into buying both the dress and the expensive pair of jeans because she is earning more at work. A few days later, a friend reminded her about buying their plane ticket for the trip they are taking with a group of friends this summer. Katie had forgotten about the plane ticket and realized she does not have enough money since she bought the new pair of jeans. Payday is in 2 weeks, and she cannot wait to buy her plane ticket until then since the plane ticket may be more expensive the longer she waits. She talked with her mom about the problem and her mom asked if she needed the jeans. Katie said, “kind of.” Her mom said, “You can’t ‘kind of’ need something. Either you do or you don’t.”

Do you think Katie needed the new pair of jeans? Why or why not?

Is the plane ticket a need or a want?

Do you think Katie should return the jeans to buy the plane ticket?

Scenario 2:

On Sunday, Ben is going to lunch with friends to celebrate their softball tournament win. Ben has a cough and the doctor prescribed medication to take care of the cough, but it will cost \$15.00 at the pharmacy. If Ben gets the medicine, he won’t have enough money left to go to lunch. Ben’s friends are expecting him at lunch, but he also wants to take care of his cough.

Should Ben skip buying the medicine so he can go to lunch on Sunday? Why or why not?
