

Wants vs. Needs

Materials:

- Paper
- Pen or pencil
- Markers, colored pencils or crayons
- Small candies (50 pieces)

Want to tie this into a badge?

Daisy Money Counts
Brownie Money Manager
Cadette Budgeting



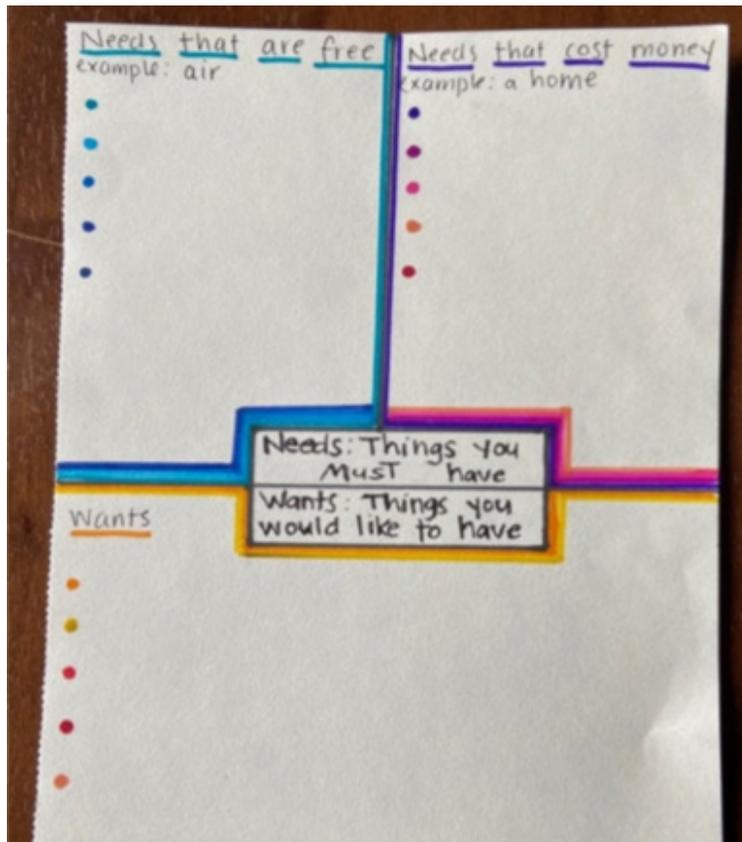
Knowing the difference between wants and needs can make an impact on your life and those around you. A need is something you must have in life (food, water and shelter). A want is something you would like to have, but do not need (video games, candy, your cellphone).

Knowing the difference will help you learn how to make smart money moves and learn about your priorities.



Steps:

1. Create a chart like the one on the next page.
2. Find a hard candy. Count out 50 pieces. Each piece of candy is worth 1 point. Think of these points as money, and how you would like to spend it.
3. As you spend your points, take them away from your pile and place them off to the side.
4. We do have a few essential needs that do need to be purchased. Once you've purchased your needs, count how many points you have left.
5. Your extra points will be spent on your wants.
6. After playing the game at least once, take a few points away and do it again. Which of your decisions changed?
7. Bonus you can eat your points once you're done!



Your needs are:

Water- 5 points Food- 5 points Home- 5 points Clothing- 5 points

Then your wants you can buy with your extra points:

TV- 3 points

Juice- 2 points

Dessert- 2 points

Sports equipment- 3 points

Computer- 2 points

Art supplies- 3 points

Books- 3 points

Ferrari- 6 points

Soda- 3 points

Netflix- 2 points

Air conditioning- 4 points

A car- 4 points

Fast food- 2 points

Eating at a restaurant- 4 points

A bike- 2 points

A pool- 4 points

Musical instruments- 3 points

A beach house- 5 points

Vacation- 5 points

Internet- 2 points

