

## 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



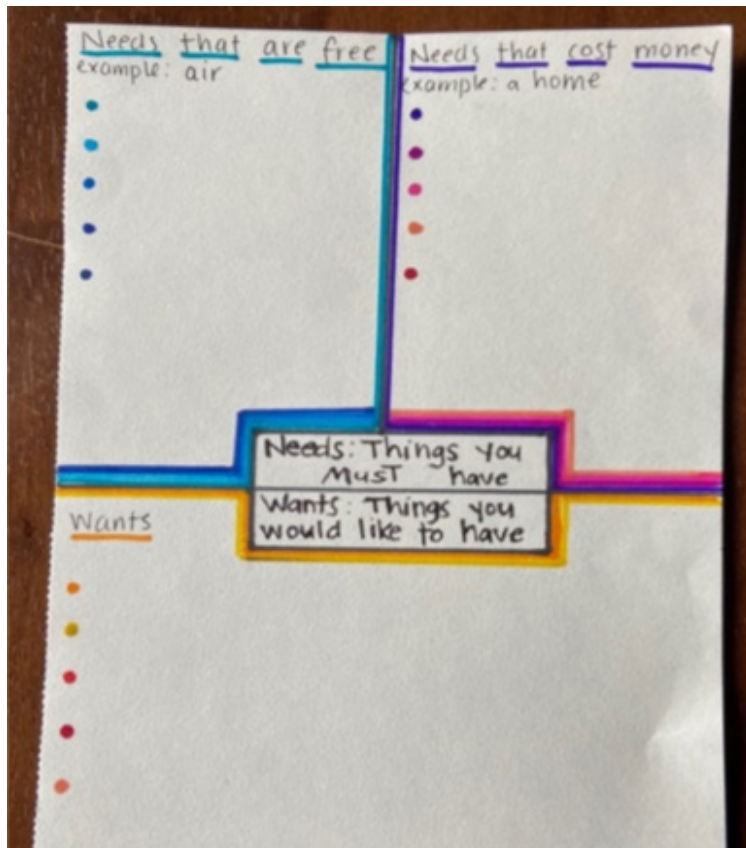
Knowing the difference between wants and needs can make an impact on your life and those around you. A need is something you must have in life (food, water and shelter). A want is something you would like to have, but do not need (video games, candy, your cellphone).

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

