Scarcity and Choice

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

1. There are 3 library copies of a new book and 20 readers. Which plan is fair?

   give the copies to the first 3 readers to keep

   let the librarian's friends read first

   let the readers who ask loudest go first

   make a list and lend each copy for one week

2. A town has $500. Fixing the playground costs $500. New library books cost $500. It fixes the playground. What does it give up?

   $500 more next year the playground repair the new library books

   the library building

3. One soccer field is shared by 4 teams that take turns. What does each team give up?

   its team uniforms playing soccer at all playing whenever it wants its coach

4. Why are 12 bus seats for 20 riders a problem?

   Twelve riders have no seat.

   Eight riders have no seat.

   Eight seats stay empty.

   Every rider has a seat.

5. Which is the best example of scarcity?

   a lake full of water after spring rain

   a store with shelves full of bread

   a school with a book for every child

   a town with little water in a dry summer

6. Eli has 30 minutes. He can read or play a game, not both. He reads. What does he give up?

   his homework 30 more minutes playing the game reading the book

7. There are 2 art kits for 18 students. Which plan shares the kits fairly?

the first two students keep them all week

students who sit closest get them

the teacher keeps the kits on a shelf

groups take turns with the kits each day

8. A bakery has flour for 20 loaves. It gets 30 orders. What must the baker do?

bake 30 loaves with the flour

choose which 20 orders to fill

stop selling bread forever

fill every order today

9. What can a family do when money is scarce?

buy needs first and wait on wants

stop buying food

buy wants first and wait on needs

buy everything they see

10. Two classes want the gym at 10:00. Which choice solves the problem?

one class goes at 10:00, one at 11:00

the class that asked last gets it

both classes go at 10:00

neither class makes a plan

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