Scarcity and Choice

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet - Challenge Me

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1. A town has $800. A new slide costs $500. Park benches cost $400. Can it buy both?

   Yes, together they cost $700.

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   No, together they cost $900.

   No, together they cost $1,000.

2. A town has $800. It buys a $500 slide. Benches cost $400. How much more money does it need for the benches?

   $900 $100 $300 $400

3. There are 3 library copies for 20 readers. The class makes a checkout list. What happens to most readers?

   They never read the book.

   They wait for a turn.

   They get a copy right away.

   They each buy a copy.

4. A town can build a pool or a playground, not both. It picks the pool. What is the trade-off?

   Kids get a playground but no pool.

   Kids get a pool and a playground.

   Kids get a pool but no new playground.

   Kids get neither one.

5. In a dry summer, a town has little water. Which plan helps the most people?

   water the golf course every day

   fill every swimming pool first

   limit lawn watering so homes have water

   let each home use as much as it wants

6. Kai has $10. A book costs $6 and a cap costs $7. Why can't he buy both?

   The cap costs more than $10.

   Together they cost $13, more than $10.

   Together they cost $1.

   Together they cost $10, all he has.

7. Why does every town face scarcity?

   Some towns can buy everything they want.

   Every town wants more than it can pay for.

   Scarcity happens only in deserts.

   Only small towns ever have to choose.

8. Three teams share 1 field. Each team practices alone on the field for 1 hour. The field is open 2 hours a day. What happens?

   Each team practices for 2 hours.

   One team cannot practice each day.

   All three teams practice every day.

   Two teams cannot practice each day.

9. A family can fix the car or take a trip, not both. Why might they fix the car?

   They can do both with the same money.

   The car is a want, not a need.

   They need it to get to work.

   The trip costs nothing.

10. A class has 1 garden hose for 8 beds. It waters the driest beds first. Why is this a good choice?

    It uses two hoses instead of one.

    Every bed gets water at the same time.

    Plants that need water most get it first.

    The wettest beds get the most water.

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