Scarcity and Choice

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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   Together they cost $10, all he has.

   The cap costs more than $10.

   Together they cost $1.

   Together they cost $13, more than $10.

2. Why does every town face scarcity?

   Some towns can buy everything they want.

   Only small towns ever have to choose.

   Every town wants more than it can pay for.

   Scarcity happens only in deserts.

3. 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?

   Two teams cannot practice each day.

   Each team practices for 2 hours.

   One team cannot practice each day.

   All three teams practice every day.

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

   The trip costs nothing.

   The car is a want, not a need.

   They can do both with the same money.

   They need it to get to work.

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   Plants that need water most get it first.

   The wettest beds get the most water.

   It uses two hoses instead of one.

   Every bed gets water at the same time.

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- Every choice gives something up.
- Books are always the better choice.
- Kites always cost more than books.
- She could have had both for $5.

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- ask students and teachers what is needed most
- pick whatever the principal likes best
- buy both with the same money
- pick the one that costs the most

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- Yes, together they cost $700.
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