Scarcity and Choice

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

1. Mia saves her $10 instead of buying a game today. What does she give up?

   $20 her savings having the game today the money she saved

2. Why do towns make choices about how to spend money?

   Only one project is ever needed.

   They have less money than things they want.

   They have more money than they can use.

   Every project costs nothing.

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

   make a list and lend each copy for one week

   let the librarian's friends read first

   give the copies to the first 3 readers to keep

   let the readers who ask loudest go first

4. 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 new library books the library building

   the playground repair

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

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

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

   Every rider has a seat.

   Eight seats stay empty.

   Twelve riders have no seat.

   Eight riders have no seat.

7. Which is the best example of scarcity?

a lake full of water after spring rain

a school with a book for every child

a town with little water in a dry summer

a store with shelves full of bread

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

playing the game reading the book his homework 30 more minutes

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

students who sit closest get them

the first two students keep them all week

groups take turns with the kits each day

the teacher keeps the kits on a shelf

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

fill every order today

stop selling bread forever

choose which 20 orders to fill

bake 30 loaves with the flour

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