Scarcity and Choice

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

1. Ana chose a $5 kite over a $5 book. Later she wished she had the book. What did she learn?

   Kites always cost more than books.

   Books are always the better choice.

   Every choice gives something up.

   She could have had both for $5.

2. A school has money for new computers or new library books, not both. How could it decide fairly?

   ask students and teachers what is needed most

   pick the one that costs the most

   pick whatever the principal likes best

   buy both with the same money

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

   No, together they cost $1,000.

   Yes, together they cost $700.

   No, together they cost $900.

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

   $900 $300 $100 $400

5. 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 each buy a copy.

   They get a copy right away.

   They wait for a turn.

6. 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 but no new playground.
- Kids get neither one.
- Kids get a pool and a playground.

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

- limit lawn watering so homes have water
- water the golf course every day
- let each home use as much as it wants
- fill every swimming pool first

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

- Together they cost $1.
- The cap costs more than $10.
- Together they cost $13, more than $10.
- Together they cost $10, all he has.

9. Why does every town face scarcity?

- Only small towns ever have to choose.
- Every town wants more than it can pay for.
- Scarcity happens only in deserts.
- Some towns can buy everything they want.

10. 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?

- All three teams practice every day.
- Each team practices for 2 hours.
- One team cannot practice each day.
- Two teams cannot practice each day.

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