Scarcity and Choice

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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   3 swings for 10 children at recess

   a seat for every child at lunch

2. Lily can watch a movie or play outside before dinner. She plays outside. What does she give up?

   watching the movie eating dinner playing outside

3. There are 2 art kits and 18 students. What is the problem?

   Every student already has a kit.

   There are not enough kits for everyone.

   There are too many kits.

4. Ana has $5. She can buy a kite or a book. She buys the kite. What does she give up?

   the kite a trip to the store the book

5. Which of these shows scarcity?

   enough chairs for the whole class

   1 soccer field for 4 teams at once

   a pencil for every student

6. There are 3 computers and 15 students. Which choice is fair?

   let the same 3 students use them daily

   take turns with a timer

   let the fastest runners use them

7. What does scarcity mean?

something that costs nothing

more than enough for everyone

not enough of something for everyone

8. Max has time for soccer or swimming on Saturday. He picks soccer. What does he give up?

his Saturday lunch soccer on Saturday swimming on Saturday

9. There are 12 bus seats and 20 riders. Which choice is fair?

let only the oldest riders ride

let 12 riders sit and the rest walk

run a second bus trip

10. Why do people have to make choices?

Everything in stores is free.

They cannot have everything they want.

Stores sell only one thing.

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