Scarcity and Choice

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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

   Eight riders have no seat.

   Eight seats stay empty.

   Every rider has a seat.

   Twelve riders have no seat.

2. Which is the best example of scarcity?

   a school with a book for every child

   a store with shelves full of bread

   a lake full of water after spring rain

   a town with little water in a dry summer

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

   playing the game 30 more minutes his homework reading the book

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

   the first two students keep them all week

   students who sit closest get them

   the teacher keeps the kits on a shelf

   groups take turns with the kits each day

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

   choose which 20 orders to fill

   stop selling bread forever

   bake 30 loaves with the flour

   fill every order today

6. What can a family do when money is scarce?

stop buying food

buy needs first and wait on wants

buy everything they see

buy wants first and wait on needs

7. Two classes want the gym at 10:00. Which choice solves the problem?

both classes go at 10:00

one class goes at 10:00, one at 11:00

the class that asked last gets it

neither class makes a plan

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

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

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

Only one project is ever needed.

Every project costs nothing.

They have less money than things they want.

They have more money than they can use.

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

let the librarian's friends read first

make a list and lend each copy for one week

give the copies to the first 3 readers to keep

let the readers who ask loudest go first

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