Scarcity and Choice

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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

   let the fastest runners use them

   let the same 3 students use them daily

   take turns with a timer

2. What does scarcity mean?

   something that costs nothing

   not enough of something for everyone

   more than enough for everyone

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

   soccer on Saturday swimming on Saturday his Saturday lunch

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

   let only the oldest riders ride

   run a second bus trip

   let 12 riders sit and the rest walk

5. Why do people have to make choices?

   Everything in stores is free.

   Stores sell only one thing.

   They cannot have everything they want.

6. A class has 1 garden hose for 8 garden beds. What will happen?

   The beds will not need water.

   Every bed gets water at once.

   Some beds must wait for water.

7. Jo has $4. A ball costs $4 and a puzzle costs $4. Why must she choose?

Both toys are free.

The puzzle costs more than $4.

She has money for only one.

8. Which of these is scarce?

a drink of water for every child

a seat for every child at lunch

3 swings for 10 children at recess

9. 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

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

There are not enough kits for everyone.

Every student already has a kit.

There are too many kits.

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