Scarcity and Choice

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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

   buy needs first and wait on wants

   buy everything they see

   buy wants first and wait on needs

   stop buying food

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

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

   neither class makes a plan

   the class that asked last gets it

   both classes go at 10:00

3. 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

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

   They have more money than they can use.

   Every project costs nothing.

   They have less money than things they want.

   Only one project is ever needed.

5. 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

   give the copies to the first 3 readers to keep

   let the librarian's friends read first

   let the readers who ask loudest go first

6. A town has $500. Fixing the playground costs $500. New library books cost $500. It fixes the playground. What does it give up?

the library building $500 more next year the playground repair the new library books

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

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

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

Twelve riders have no seat.

Eight seats stay empty.

Every rider has a seat.

Eight riders have no seat.

9. Which is the best example of scarcity?

a store with shelves full of bread

a lake full of water after spring rain

a town with little water in a dry summer

a school with a book for every child

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

his homework playing the game reading the book 30 more minutes

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