Scarcity and Choice

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

1. A family can fix the car or take a trip, not both. Why might they fix the car?

   They can do both with the same money.

   They need it to get to work.

   The car is a want, not a need.

   The trip costs nothing.

2. A class has 1 garden hose for 8 beds. It waters the driest beds first. Why is this a good choice?

   The wettest beds get the most water.

   Every bed gets water at the same time.

   It uses two hoses instead of one.

   Plants that need water most get it first.

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

   She could have had both for $5.

   Kites always cost more than books.

   Every choice gives something up.

   Books are always the better choice.

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

   pick whatever the principal likes best

   ask students and teachers what is needed most

   pick the one that costs the most

   buy both with the same money

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

   Yes, together they cost $800.

   Yes, together they cost $700.

   No, together they cost $1,000.

   No, together they cost $900.

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

$300 $900 $100 $400

7. 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 get a copy right away.

They wait for a turn.

They each buy a copy.

8. A town can build a pool or a playground, not both. It picks the pool. What is the trade-off?

Kids get neither one.

Kids get a pool but no new playground.

Kids get a pool and a playground.

Kids get a playground but no pool.

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

fill every swimming pool first

limit lawn watering so homes have water

let each home use as much as it wants

water the golf course every day

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

Together they cost $10, all he has.

Together they cost $13, more than $10.

The cap costs more than $10.

Together they cost $1.

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