Scarcity and Choice

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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   Every bed gets water at once.

   The beds will not need water.

   Some beds must wait for water.

2. 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.

3. Which of these is scarce?

   3 swings for 10 children at recess

   a seat for every child at lunch

   a drink of water for every child

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

   playing outside watching the movie eating dinner

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

   There are not enough kits for everyone.

   There are too many kits.

   Every student already has a kit.

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

   the kite the book a trip to the store

7. Which of these shows scarcity?

enough chairs for the whole class

1 soccer field for 4 teams at once

a pencil for every student

8. 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

9. What does scarcity mean?

something that costs nothing

not enough of something for everyone

more than enough for everyone

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

swimming on Saturday soccer on Saturday his Saturday lunch

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