Scarcity and Choice

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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

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

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

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

   Eight riders have no seat.

   Twelve riders have no seat.

   Every rider has a seat.

   Eight seats stay empty.

4. Which is the best example of scarcity?

   a school with a book for every child

   a town with little water in a dry summer

   a store with shelves full of bread

   a lake full of water after spring rain

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

   playing the game reading the book 30 more minutes his homework

6. 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

7. 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

fill every order today

bake 30 loaves with the flour

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

buy everything they see

buy wants first and wait on needs

stop buying food

buy needs first and wait on wants

9. 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

neither class makes a plan

the class that asked last gets it

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

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

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