Scarcity and Choice

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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

   $400 $100 $300 $900

2. There are 3 library copies for 20 readers. The class makes a checkout list. What happens to most readers?

   They get a copy right away.

   They wait for a turn.

   They each buy a copy.

   They never read the book.

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

   Kids get a pool and a playground.

   Kids get neither one.

   Kids get a playground but no pool.

   Kids get a pool but no new playground.

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

   fill every swimming pool first

   water the golf course every day

   limit lawn watering so homes have water

   let each home use as much as it wants

5. 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.

   The cap costs more than $10.

   Together they cost $13, more than $10.

   Together they cost $1.

6. Why does every town face scarcity?

   Some towns can buy everything they want.

   Only small towns ever have to choose.

   Every town wants more than it can pay for.

   Scarcity happens only in deserts.

7. Three teams share 1 field. Each team practices alone on the field for 1 hour. The field is open 2 hours a day. What happens?

   One team cannot practice each day.

   Two teams cannot practice each day.

   All three teams practice every day.

   Each team practices for 2 hours.

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

   The trip costs nothing.

   They need it to get to work.

   They can do both with the same money.

   The car is a want, not a need.

9. 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.

   It uses two hoses instead of one.

   Plants that need water most get it first.

   Every bed gets water at the same time.

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

    Every choice gives something up.

    Kites always cost more than books.

    Books are always the better choice.

    She could have had both for $5.

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