Scarcity and Choice

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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

   the book the kite a trip to the store

2. Which of these shows scarcity?

   a pencil for every student

   enough chairs for the whole class

   1 soccer field for 4 teams at once

3. There are 3 computers and 15 students. Which choice is fair?

   let the same 3 students use them daily

   let the fastest runners use them

   take turns with a timer

4. What does scarcity mean?

   more than enough for everyone

   something that costs nothing

   not enough of something for everyone

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

   soccer on Saturday swimming on Saturday his Saturday lunch

6. There are 12 bus seats and 20 riders. Which choice is fair?

   run a second bus trip

   let only the oldest riders ride

   let 12 riders sit and the rest walk

7. Why do people have to make choices?

Stores sell only one thing.

Everything in stores is free.

They cannot have everything they want.

8. A class has 1 garden hose for 8 garden beds. What will happen?

Every bed gets water at once.

Some beds must wait for water.

The beds will not need water.

9. Jo has $4. A ball costs $4 and a puzzle costs $4. Why must she choose?

Both toys are free.

She has money for only one.

The puzzle costs more than $4.

10. Which of these is scarce?

3 swings for 10 children at recess

a drink of water for every child

a seat for every child at lunch

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