

Needs vs. Wants in Our Community

Grade: 3-5 | Subject: Social Studies | Week 1: Community Helpers & Our Neighborhood | Time: 35–45 minutes

Learning Objective

Student will independently sort at least 6 items into "needs" and "wants," explaining the difference.

Materials Needed

Picture cards (food, water, house, toy, candy, video game, coat, book), two sorting mats labeled "Need" and "Want"

Practice Activity

Child names one need and one want from their own life and explains the difference in their own words. Extend by writing 2-3 sentences reflecting on the skill.

Student Work Space

Parent/Teacher Sign-off: _____ Date: _____