

Lesson Overview

Students will review the difference between needs and wants and then distinguish between needs and wants by categorising them correctly. Then they will identify a need and a want of their own and discuss how these may differ.

Learning Outcomes

I know that my own needs and wants may be different to those of other people. I know the difference between something that I need and something that I want.

Materials

Scissors, glue, crayons

Tell your students that today we are going to discuss needs and wants. Explain that a need is something that we can't live without. A want is something that we would like to have, but it isn't necessary. Say, "we cannot always have what we want."

You might share some examples from your own life, such as "I need my flat, because it's the place where I live. I want tickets to the cinema." Suggest some of the ways that we might be able to get what we want, such as saving, sharing, and so forth.

Invite students to share some needs and wants of their own, and then review the directions for the activity. Give students time to cut and paste their pictures. If there is time, suggest that students add to the chests by drawing a need and want of their own in the correct place. To conclude, remind students that we all have the same basic needs, but our wants can be different.

Directions

1. Cut out each picture.
2. Choose whether it is a need or a want.
3. Paste each picture with the right chest.

Answer Key

Water

Healthcare / Medicine

Ice cream

Basketball

Clothing

Home

Healthy food

Video game

Toy

Jewellery

NEEDS

WANTS