

It is important to learn the difference between a Need and a Want.

- **Needs** are essential for survival and should be our first priority when we think about how we spend our money.
- Wants are the extra things that are nice to have and make life enjoyable.

Take a look at the examples below. Can you guess which one of these items is a Need and which is a Want?





To extend the learning, discuss the following questions:

- 1. What are some examples of items that can be considered both a need and a want?
- 2. In your opinion, what marks the difference between the two?
- 3. Does it make a difference if you are spending your own money vs. someone else's money? Why or why not?
- 4. Is there ever an end to the needs in our life? What about the wants? Do you believe that there is a point when you will be satisfied with what you have? Explain.
- 5. What are some strategies for balancing needs and wants? Think about ways that as a family you can achieve that balance while maximizing contentment. Then create a Coat of Arms that sums up your family values about money.



## Needs vs. Wants

W	N	Μ	D	L	0	G	S	G	S	N	V	Y	F	WANT WORTH SATISFACTION VALUES ENJOYABLE PENNY SPEND EXTRAS WASTE NEED NEST EGG DIME BUCK
Ε	Μ	G	В	Ι	Κ	С	U	В	Α	V	Ν	L	Ε	
Ε	S	L	Ν	Μ	D	Α	Ε	Х	Т	R	Α	S	Ε	
F	Ρ	Ε	W	Ι	I	Α	κ	Ν	Ι	Т	Т	Н	Т	
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S	D	S	Т	0	F	L	S	Ε	Α	Ε	L	S	W	
Ε	Н	Т	R	0	W	В	v	С	С	D	Α	т	Α	
U	Μ	Е	Α	Е	Ρ	Α	F	Ν	т	0	v	R	в	BALANCE FAMILY
L	0	G	v	Е	D	Υ	Α	Α	Ι	Ε	Ι	Ι	U	SHOESTRING MONEY
Α	Ν	G	Ν	W	Ε	0	Μ	L	0	Ε	v	Ν	D	SURVIVAL
v	Е	Ν	Α	J	Ν	J	Ι	Α	N	м	R	G	G	GOLD
E	Y	Ι	Α	Ρ	N	N	L	В	E	Ι	U	S	Ε	BUDGET
R	S	D	Τ	Τ	S	Ε	Y	Т	L	D	S	G	T	