



Wants vs. Needs

Wants are goods or services that we would like to have to make our lives easier or more fun.

Needs are goods or services that are essential – we have to have them.

What *wants* and *needs* are discussed in your book?

Sort the following items by writing them either in the WANTS box or the NEEDS box. Can you think of any other items to put in each box?

Teachers: You can supply pictures of items from catalogs or magazines for your students to sort, or you can use this list and sort them as a class.

WANTS		NEEDS	
Coloring books		Clean water	
Socks	Video Game	Medicine	Blanket
Candy	Soap	Car	Soccer ball
Bed	Cell phone	Coat	Dolls
Earrings	Shelter	Clean water	Skateboard
Soda	Phone	Coloring books	TV
Healthy Food	Your own room	Fancy sneakers	Education



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