

# NEEDS VERSUS WANTS



If you had \$100 right now, what would you spend it on? Toys? Video games? Yummy treats? Buying things we want makes life more fun. But what if you had that same \$100, and were going on a camping trip? What would you buy then? If you said food and a tent, you are a smart spender! You would need those things in order to live outdoors. Everybody in the world has the same four basic needs: water, food, clothes, and shelter. We cannot live without them.

A need is what we must have. A want is what we wish we could have. Sometimes it can be hard to tell the difference. You may need jeans for school. But you want the same ones the big kids are wearing. Or you might need lunch. But you want ice cream and chips instead. The plain jeans and nutritious food keep you healthy and comfortable. Expensive brands and snack foods don't make your daily life healthier. You can live without them!



People have to earn money to pay for what they need. This might mean having to do without other things they would love to have. That's why your parents may say 'no' when you ask for something you really want (but don't really need). They're actually trying to make sure that your needs are taken care of, before spending on extras. Sometimes, that's way better than an ice cream cone!

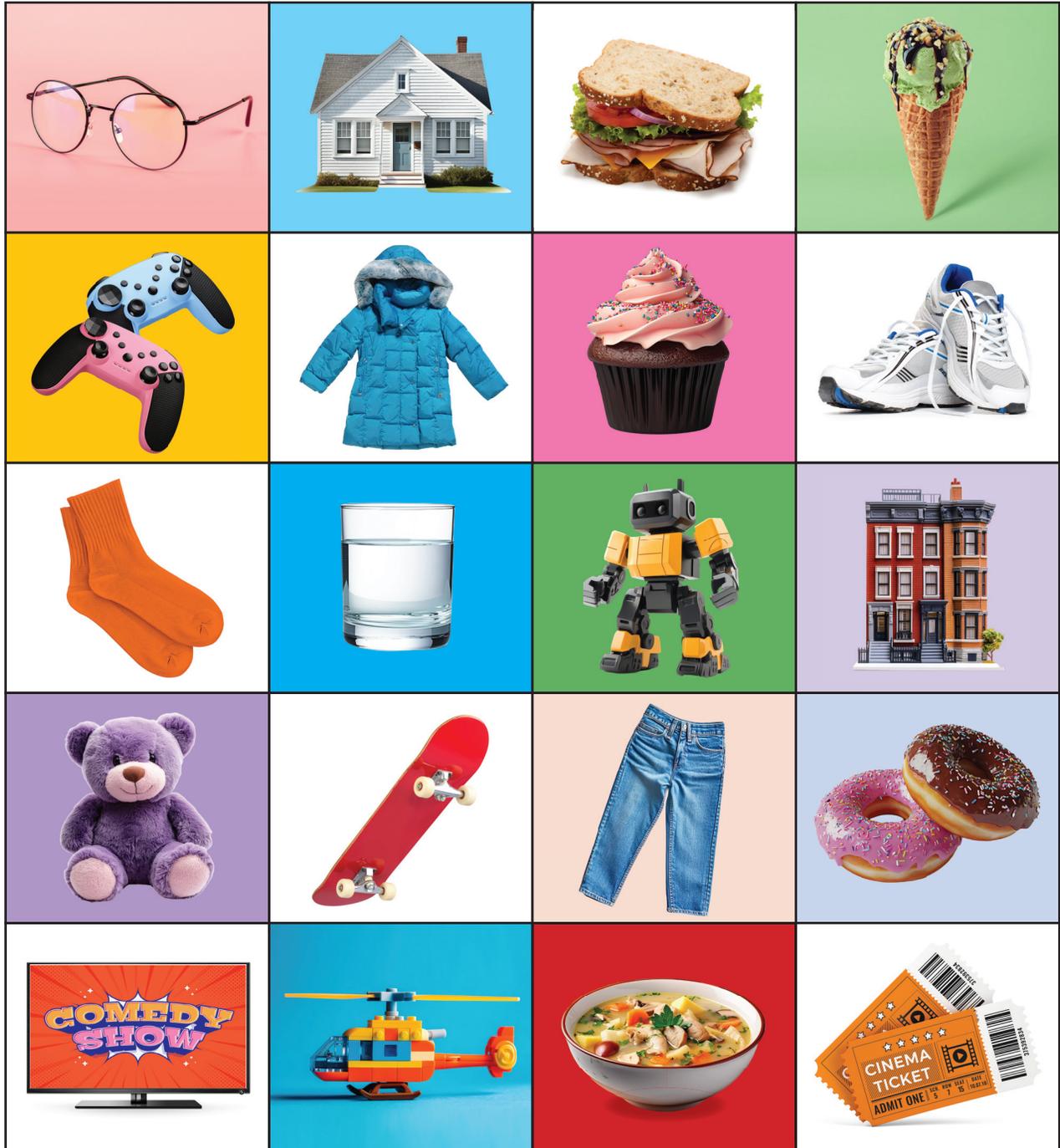
# ACTIVITY: I WANT IT! I NEED IT! I KNOW THE DIFFERENCE!

Ages:  
6, 7, 8

Can you tell the difference between a need and a want? You will 'need' scissors and glue or tape to complete the challenge. Then you may 'want' to display it on the fridge!

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Print this picture sheet and answer chart
2. Cut out all the pictures
3. Decide whether each is a want or a need
4. Glue or tape them in the proper column on the answer chart



**ACTIVITY:** *I WANT IT! I NEED IT!*  
*I KNOW THE DIFFERENCE!*

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