Needs, Wants, and Money

Grades K to 2 | Five day interdisciplinary inquiry

First and Last Name: _____

Date: _____ Class: _____

Essential Question

How do people make choices with limited money?

Standards connections

NJSLS Social Studies 6.1 and 6.3 grade band strands: community, sources, choices and environment. NJSLS ELA 2023: RI.CR, RI.CI, W.IW and SL.PE. CCSS/CCLS: RI.1, W.2 and SL.1 at the applicable grade. Mathematics: counting, operations, measurement and data. Science: planning comparisons and explaining observations. Health: shared routines and safe materials where connected to the topic.

Read or listen to the sources. Cite evidence when you explain. Your teacher may support reading and allow drawing, dictation or AAC as documented. Never share private family, medical or financial information.

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Day 1 | Read and Notice

Do Now

What do you already know about needs, wants, and money?

Source 1

A need is something important for living, such as food, water, or shelter. A want is something we would like but can live without. Money helps people exchange goods and services. People compare prices and make choices when money is limited. A budget is a plan for money.

Source investigation

Identify two details that help answer the essential question.

Quick Write

Explain one important source detail.