Needs and wants

6 practice questions

1. Ali must bring lunch but has none packed. Is food for lunch a need or a want in this story?

The story says lunch is required and has not been provided.

Answer: A need.

2. Lily has a suitable school bag. She would like another in a new colour. Need or want here?

A suitable bag is already available.

Answer: A want.

3. A child needs a 3-dollar glue stick for a project and wants a 2-dollar sticker. They have 4 dollars. What should be bought first to complete the project?

It meets the project's stated need and leaves 1 dollar.

Answer: The glue stick.

4. A story says both a 2-dollar pencil and a 3-dollar pad are needed. How much is needed altogether?

$2 + 3 = 5$.

Answer: 5 dollars.

5. Two children choose different optional treats with their spare money. Must one choice be wrong? Explain.

A want can differ between people; no unmet need or budget problem is stated.

Answer: No. They may have different preferences.

6. You have 6 dollars. Needed socks cost 5 dollars and an optional toy costs 4 dollars. Can both fit the budget? What plan meets the need?

$5 + 4 = 9$ exceeds 6; $6 - 5 = 1$.

Answer: Both cost 9 dollars, so buy the socks first and keep 1 dollar.