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What Are Needs and Wants?

Visual lesson



I need that rocket!

Kai's toe wiggles out of a hole in his blue sneaker. Wiggle, wiggle! But Kai is looking at a big toy rocket in the toy shop window. "I need that rocket!" he says. Nia giggles. "Do you need it, or do you want it?" Kai frowns. "What's the difference?"





The pop-up desert

Grandma Rosa lifts the lid of her little wooden box. Pop! Paper sand hills rise all around them. A long line of camels with two humps walks across the desert, long, long ago. These travellers are going on a long trip, for many days across the sand.

What goes on first?

The leader of the travellers has a big pile of things on the sand. But her camel can only carry so much. She has to choose. Kai and Nia help her lift.

> **TALK ABOUT IT**
> What will she pack on the camel first?





Needs

Out in the desert there is no shop and no river. And when the sun goes down, it gets so cold that water can freeze! Brrr. People must have water, food and warmth to stay alive. Things we must have are called needs.

Wants

At the end of the trip, the leader buys hay for her camels first. Then she has one coin left. She buys a little wooden camel for her son at home. She can live without it, but it is nice to have. That is a want. Wants are fine, after the needs.





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What does Kai need?

Pop! They are back on the street by the shop. Kai looks at the big rocket in the window. Then he looks down at his foot. Wiggle, wiggle!

> **TALK ABOUT IT**
> What does Kai need?

Needs first

At the shoe shop, Kai spots shoes with flashing lights. "Shoes are a need," says Grandma Rosa. "Lights are a want." Kai picks red shoes that fit, and hops! Grandma Rosa tucks a tiny water bag into her box. "Needs first," says Kai, "then wants."



Check your wonder

1 **Why did the leader pack water and bread first?**

- A. People must have them to stay alive
- B. They were the shiniest things
- C. The camel liked them best

2 **What is a want?**

- A. Something nice to have that we can live without
- B. Something we must have to stay alive

3 **Kai needs shoes. Which part is a want?**

- A. The flashing lights
- B. Shoes that fit his feet
- C. Shoes that keep his toes in

ANSWERS 1-A 2-A 3-A

1. Yes! Water and food are needs. 2. That's it, like the little wooden camel. 3. Right! Shoes are a need. The lights are a want.

THE END

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