

The Perfect Pet student worksheet

Pets depend on their owners to provide the goods and services that keep them healthy and happy. These goods and services are called economic wants.

After listening to the story, think about getting a dog of your own.

List ALL of the things you would want for your dog.

Few pet owners have enough money to buy everything that they want for their pets. This is called a **scarcity** problem. Scarcity forces people to make choices.

If you could buy just 5 of the many things you want for your new dog, what would you buy?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Circle the choices that are the same as your partner's choices.

Why do you think these choices were the same? _____

Put a star next to the choices that were different from your partner's choices.

Why do you think these choices were different? _____

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Activity 2:

Imagine that the girl in “The Perfect Pet” picked a fish instead of a dog as her new pet. She has only \$5.00 to make her purchases. Circle what you think she should buy for her new fish.

Fish food \$1.00



Star fish \$1.00



Fish bowl \$3.00



Castle \$2.00



Coral \$1.00



Stones \$1.00



Conclusion: Some of our wants are the same, but not all. Our likes, our values, and what we already have help explain the differences.

What was the total cost of the items you chose? _____

Which choices in Activity 2 were the same as your partner's choices?

Why were these the same? _____

What choices in Activity 2 were different than your partner's choices?

Why were these different? _____
