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Financial Elementary School Remote Learning Activities

Financial Literacy: Responsible Money Choices

Directions:

- Read each section before completing its activity.

Read:

All of the things in our lives (toys, shoes, etc.) can be broken into two groups: wants and needs.

Want = something that you can live without.

An example of a want is a toy



Need = something that you must have in order to survive.

Food, water, clothing, and shelter are all needs.



Activity:

Look around your house to find five needs. Then, write down five things you might want. Write your answers in the correct column below:

Wants	Needs

Read:

We don't have enough money to buy everything that we want right when we want it. Because of this, we put some money aside until we have enough for the thing we want or need. This is called saving.

There are two types of savings: short-term and long-term.

Short-term = goals that can be achieved in a matter of days, weeks, or a few months

Long-term = goals that take many months, years or even a lifetime to achieve

Activity:

1. Look at the wants and needs chart above.
2. Think about how long it will take you to save for each want and need.
3. Decide if it is a short-term goal or a long-term goal based on the definitions above.
 - If it is a short-term goal, write “*Short*” next to it.
 - If it is a long-term goal, write “*Long*” next to it.

Read:

Unfortunately, we don't have unlimited resources. We need to carefully spend our time and money on important things first. The things that we choose not to do are our opportunity cost.

For example, you may want to buy a new toy. In order to buy that toy, however, you might need to save all of your lunch money for a week. Does it make sense not to eat lunch to buy a new toy? Definitely not! Giving up the toy in order to buy lunch is an example of opportunity cost.

Opportunity Cost = what you give-up to in order to do or have something else

Activity:

1. Think of three items that you want to buy and list them in the “*Item*” column.
2. Write your answers to each column’s question in the appropriate box.

Item	Is it a <i>want or need?</i>	Would saving for it be a <i>long-term</i> or <i>short-term</i> goal?

3. Which of the three items would you choose, if you could only choose one? Why? How is this an example of opportunity cost?