Kindergarten Inquiry

How Can I Get What I Want?



Supporting Questions

- 1. What are needs and wants?
- 2. What are goods and services?
- 3. How do people trade/ barter for goods and services? What makes a trade fair?



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Michigan Content Expectations:	K-E1.0.3 Recognize situations in which people trade.	
Staging the Compelling Question:	Ask students and lead a discussion on the following question: Have you ever wanted something and your parents told you no?	

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Formative Performance Task	Formative Performance Task	Formative Performance Task
Cut and paste T-chart; sorting needs and wants	Draw a good. Draw a ser- vice.	Participate in a discussion where the class creates a list of ways to get what they want.
Featured Sources	Featured Sources	Featured Sources
Berenstien Bears Video Needs and Wants video	Goods and Services videos	Bartering Song Goods and Services video Berenstain Bears Video A New Coat for Anna Video Schoolhouse Rock video

Summative Performance Task	Argument: How can I get what I want? Construct an argument (e.g., detailed out- line, poster, essay) that addresses the compelling question using specific claims and relevant evidence from contemporary sources while acknowledging competing views.
Taking Informed Action	Compare saving versus spending to get what you want. Introduce opportunity cost concept.



Overview

In Kindergarten, students are introduced to the important economic concepts of scarcity and opportunity cost, which ultimately lay a solid foundation for work in the upper grades in a solid economics course. This early elementary inquiry asks students the compelling question "How can I get what I want?" In high school, this question wouldn't be as compelling, but in the early grades as small children begin to learn about economics - the question is appropriate. Over the course of several days, students will be greeted with a variety of sources that will ultimately help them answer this question.

Staging the Compelling Question

Today we are going to meet my friend Sally. Her mom sent me a video message, She has a problem and I hope you can help me solve it . . . let's watch the video . . . (Discuss Sally's dilemma and compare it to themselves. Ask the compelling question.)

Watch video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bTx1Gp0aoI



Supporting Question 1 Overview

We all have needs and wants. So, what exactly are needs and wants? - watch videos and discuss wants versus needs. Pose scenarios and discuss if certain items are needs or wants. Make class t-chart sorting wants and needs. Watch Bernstein Bear's and discuss have the gimmies through a wants versus needs lense. Have kids sort their own wants and needs picture sort using a cut and paste t-chart format.

Supporting Question 2 Overview

Discuss things we can buy. Ask how we usually buy things - (money) credit/ cash. Make a list of things we spend money on. Discuss the difference between goods and services. Watch video about goods and services. Create a class t-chart sorting good and services and reviewing why they are either a good or service.

Have the kids draw a good and a service they would spend money on if you gave them \$10.00.

Supporting Question 3 Overview

Read Ox Cart Man or other picture book related to trade. Before reading introduce the story by explaining that the main character does not have money but still has needs. You will read the book to discovery how he gets what he needs. Stop every few pages to discuss which items have been traded or bartered. (Introduce and review terms trade and barter frequently.) Dramatize the story by acting out the bartering and trade that took place. Sing the barter song.

Discuss fair trades and unfair trade. Change up the story read by posing new trades. Make some practical and some silly. Have the kids determine which trades are fare and which are not fair.

Revist Sally and her dilemma. Discuss again how she might be able to get her horse. Have kids draw a picture of something the want and make a plan for getting it.

Supporting Question 1 - Featured Source A (Video)



Supporting Question 1 - Featured Source B (Video)



Supporting Question 1 - Featured Source C (Video)

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Supporting Question 2 - Featured Source A (Video)



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Goods and Services



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Supporting Question 3 - Featured Source A

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15. Do You Ever Like to Barter (Tune: Did You Every See a Lassie)

Do you ever like to barter, to barter, to barter? Do you ever like to barter, and do it just right? Trade this thing for that thing, And this thing for that thing. Do you ever like to barter, no money in sight?

Supporting Question 3 - Featured Source B (Video)





Supporting Question 3 - Featured Source C (Video)



Supporting Question 3 - Featured Source D (Video)





Supporting Question 3 - Featured Source E (Video)



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