

**BUILD
SMART
CHOICES
FOR LIFE!**

LEARN ★ SORT ★ DISCUSS ★ DECIDE!

NO. 1200

AGES
5+

2+
PLAYERS

WANTS vs. NEEDS

SORTING GAME

A fun way to learn
the difference
between
needs and
wants!



24
PICTURE
CARDS
6
CHALLENGE
CARDS!



SOME CARDS
MIGHT HAVE MORE
THAN ONE ANSWER—
**LET'S TALK
ABOUT IT!**



**CRITICAL
THINKING**
Make thoughtful
decisions



**COMMUNICATION
SKILLS**
Share ideas and
listen to others



LIFE SKILLS
Understand choices,
needs and wants



**SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL
GROWTH**
Build empathy and
respect

THINK! ★ TALK! ★ LEARN! ★ GROW!

Thank You!

Thank you for purchasing Critter Corner's Wants vs Needs Sorting Game.

It was lovingly designed to spark creativity, learning, and fun for children while supporting parents and teachers with an engaging resource.

We hope they bring joy, imagination, and plenty of colorful memories to your classroom or home!

Printing Directions

Print each page fullsize (8.5" x 11")

For best results, print on cardstock or heavier paper to make cards more durable.

Laminate for long-term classroom use or repeated game play.

Wants vs Needs Sorting Game – Facilitator Guide

Purpose

This activity helps children understand the difference between needs (essential for living safely and staying healthy) and wants (items that provide comfort or enjoyment). It supports early financial literacy, decision-making, and communication skills.

How to Play

"A need is something we must have to live. A want is something we would like to have."

Sort the Cards

Children pick a card and place it under:

NEEDS  or WANTS 

Talk About It

Ask:

"Why do you think this is a need/want?"

Challenge Cards

Some cards may have more than one answer.

Encourage discussion and different ideas.

Tip

Focus on children explaining their thinking—there are no wrong answers when they can give a reason!

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Needs

Wants