

A Trip to the Store



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We ran out of milk and apples. My dad says food is a need. We need food to live. I tell him I need candy too. He says that candy is a want. We do not need candy to live.

My dad and I go to the grocery store. We see many kinds of apples on sale. We choose four Granny Smith apples. We put them in our shopping cart. We also put milk in our cart. My dad pays for the apples and milk. All together, they cost seven dollars and 30 cents.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer.

1. What does the family in the story run out of at the beginning of the passage?

- a) milk and apples
- b) candy and chocolate
- c) bread and milk

2. Where are the characters in the middle of the story?

- a) at the grocery store
- b) at home
- c) in the car

3. Food is a need but candy is a want. What does this information tell us about why the family buys apples and milk at the end of the story?

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- b) Apples and milk are their favorite foods.
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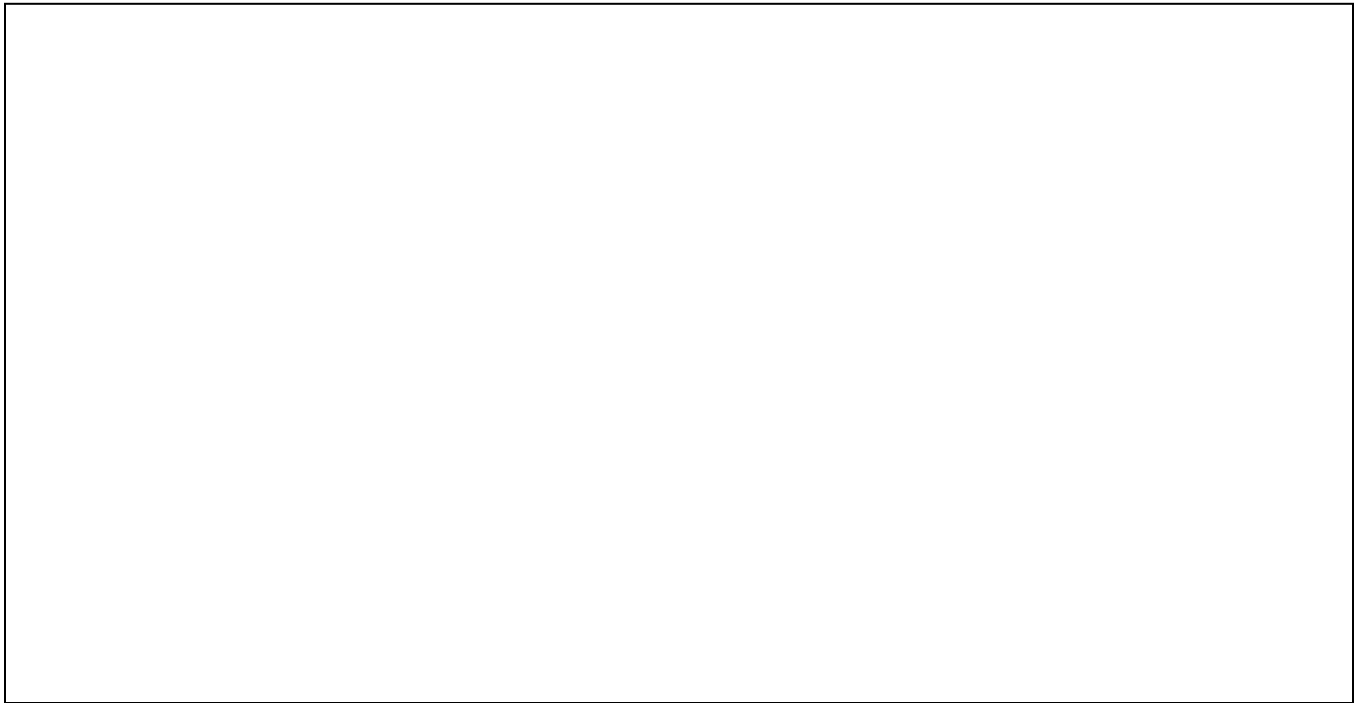
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- b) Everyone needs candy to survive.
- c) There is a difference between wants and needs.

5. A) How much do the family's groceries cost?

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B) Draw a picture of the family shopping at the end of the story.



6. What did you learn from "A Trip to the Store"?

7. Class Discussion Question: Explain the difference between a need and a want. Be sure to give an example of a need and a want from the passage.

Teacher Guide & Answers

Note to Teacher: Read each question out loud to your students and have each student complete the worksheet independently. For questions 5 A) and 6, you can have students draw their answers, answer orally, or write their answers depending on your students' progress. If you have them write their answers, you may want to write the word(s) on the board for them to copy. Question 7 is a class discussion question.

Passage Reading Level: Lexile 390

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5. A) *Note to Teacher: See note at the top of the first page.*

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Suggested answer: The family's groceries cost *seven dollars and 30 cents*.

B) Draw a picture of the family shopping at the end of the story.

Suggested answer: Students' pictures may vary but should include a father and his child with apples and milk in their cart. Advanced pictures might show four green apples or a bill for \$7.30. It might also include the dad paying for the food.

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Class Discussion Question: Explain the difference between a need and a want. Be sure to give an example of a need and a want from the passage.

Suggested answer: Answers may vary but students should explain that a need is something that you need to live. For example, you need healthy food to live (apples and milk). A want is something that you like but that you do not need to live. For example, unhealthy food is a want (candy). Advanced answers may further indicate that if you don't get what you want, even after many months you will still be alive and healthy. If you don't get what you need, you will become unhealthy and maybe even die.