

# wants -vs- needs

1. Which of the following items do you think are wants and which are needs? Put a ( X ) by all the needs; put a ( 0 ) by all the wants; leave blank those items that are neither needs nor wants.

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| W___ N___ Sporting equipment    | W___ N___ Strong religious beliefs | W___ N___ A watch             |
| W___ N___ Better self-control   | W___ N___ Love                     | W___ N___ Dental work         |
| W___ N___ A healthy body        | W___ N___ Losing/gaining weight    | W___ N___ A DVD Player        |
| W___ N___ A college education   | W___ N___ A boy/girlfriend         | W___ N___ A reliable car      |
| W___ N___ A color television    | W___ N___ Good parents             | W___ N___ Respect             |
| W___ N___ A good self-image     | W___ N___ Own bedroom              | W___ N___ Get rid of pimples  |
| W___ N___ Cigarettes            | W___ N___ Clothes                  | W___ N___ The trust of others |
| W___ N___ Peace of mind         | W___ N___ Confidence               | W___ N___ Alcohol/Drugs       |
| W___ N___ Tickets to the movies | W___ N___ Shelter to live in       | W___ N___ Emotional security  |
| W___ N___ Enough food to eat    | W___ N___ A large yard             | W___ N___ A savings account   |
| W___ N___ A big house           | W___ N___ Friends                  | W___ N___ CDs                 |
| W___ N___ A video game player   | W___ N___ A pet                    | W___ N___ An iPod             |
| W___ N___ A long vacation       | W___ N___ Privacy                  | W___ N___ Affection           |
| W___ N___ Daily exercise        | W___ N___ A hobby                  | W___ N___ \$50.00 cash        |
|                                 | W___ N___ A driver's license       |                               |

2. Why do some people have a high number of needs and others have a low number of needs?

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3. Write your five most important needs below and put them in the order of importance, with #1 being the most important.

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4. What needs do all people share?

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5. What makes something a need for one person and a want for another?

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6. What are some things that young people think they need, but may not really need? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What are some influences in your life that may cause you to want things you don't really need? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What problems will you face if you try to satisfy your wants before your needs? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. What happens if people who live together do not share the same wants and needs, like parents and children, husbands and wives, or roommates? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Did you shoplift because you mixed up wants and needs? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. What are some things you will do to put your needs before your wants? \_\_\_\_\_

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