# Activity: My Needs and Wants: Can I Tell the Difference?

How much money did you spend in the past week? What did you buy?

Directions:

List what you spent money on in the past week (or month) and use the information to gather evidence in the case of *Your Disappearing Dollars*.

1. Look at your spending log in Activity: My Disappearing Dollars.
2. Write down five things you spent money on.
3. Decide if each is a need or a want. A practice sample is provided for you.
4. Review your list.
	* Are you sure your needs are real needs?
	* Do you think your friends or family would agree with your decisions?
	* Are there times when your wants may become a need?

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| **Item** | **Need?** | **Want?** |
| *Jacket to replace one that is outgrown* | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| *Second jacket that is still in good shape* | [ ]  | [ ]  |
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