

# Need or Want? A Teen Decision Tree

Use these questions to help decide whether something is a need, a want, or essential for everyday life.



## Examples

**Needs**



Food, water, shelter, basic clothing, healthcare

**Wants**



Designer clothes, luxury cars, entertainment

**Essential for Quality of Life**



Transportation, education, phone service



**Quick tip:** Some things may not be necessary for survival, but you still need them to function and thrive in modern life. That's why it helps to separate needs, wants, and essentials for quality of life.

