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Needs and wants

Subject: Social Studies

Task: Each one of us knows what we like and will have our own image of our perfect home, but how easy is it to separate what we 'need' from what we 'want'?

First level, SOCs: 1-16A

Mary, Dan and their 8-year-old twins are moving house.
What are the 'needs' and 'wants' of the family as they look for a new home?

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Use the worksheet to see if you can sort out the 'needs' from the 'wants' in this family home, where Mary, Dan and their 8-year-old twins live.

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Colouring key:

If you spot something that the family cannot be without, then it's essential and they need it! Use a **green** highlighter or coloured pencil to identify that **NEED**.

If you spot something that would be nice for the family to have but is not essential, then they can only want it! Use a **yellow** highlighter or coloured pencil to identify this as a **WANT**.

Extension:

1. Share your completed worksheets. Are all the needs and wants identified the same?
2. Consider how the needs might change if an old person, or a young couple with a new baby lived here? What about the wants?
3. What would you change if this was your house?





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Colour Key: Need
 Want

open fire		barbecue		driveway	
feel safe		outside space		stair lift	
trampoline		carpets		heating	
insulation		balcony		3 bedrooms	
toilet		patio		mirrors	
games room		games		television	
family room		ensuite		kitchen	
double glazing		toys		spare room	
central heating		chairs		windows	
gaming console		storage		table	
satellite dish		cooker		freezer	
nice neighbours		shower		bathroom	
feel safe		ice maker		internet access	
washing machine		sofa		conservatory	
hot and cold water		microwave		tumble dryer	
walk-in shower		fridge		cinema room	
electrical sockets		dining room		bath	
play area		play area		lighting	
garage		back garden		greenhouse	
shed		back garden		garage	
front garden		front garden		greenhouse	