



Savvy Shopper



Badge Overview

Food and water, clean clothes, a place to live: These are the things everyone needs. A closet full of shoes, a new desk, tickets to a movie: These are things people want. Explore the difference between needs and wants, and learn how to save for both!

Badge Components

1. Explore your needs and wants

Earn this step by having a needs and wants hunt throughout your house. In each room, find 3 different items and add them to a list.

- Once you have a list of at least 12 items (or more!), label them with a “N” if the item is a need or a “W” if the item is a want.

2. Look into why you want what you want

Earn this step by making a collage of things that you want! You can use magazines, newspapers, pictures you print, and even drawings to cover a piece of paper or poster board.

- If you look at your collage a few days later, do you still remember everything or had you forgotten about some already?
- Why did you want it in the first place?

3. Find out what makes people happy (or not!) with what they buy

Earn this step by talking with someone at home about something they bought over a year ago.

- What did they think about before deciding to buy the item? go well, how could it be better?
- How did they feel about it right after buying it, and how do they feel about it now?
- Did anything change?

4. Learn how to decide what to buy

With your parent’s permission, earn this step by heading online to do some investigating.

- Think of something you might like to buy one day, and find 3 different options.
- Write down the cost and 3 different features for each option to compare them!
- Which one would you buy?

5. Make a plan to buy something you need or want

Earn this step by completing this [worksheet](#).

- What items will you need or want in the future?
- Which will be your priority, and what will you do to ensure you are making the right decisions?

Materials

- Something to write with
- Something to write on
- Access to internet
- Magazines, newspapers, printed pictures and/or drawings
- [My Savvy Shopper Plan Worksheet](#)

Florida Educational Standards

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