

Chapter 1 Basic Economic Concepts

Section 1.1 A Look at Wants and Needs

Section Summary with Key Terms and Academic Vocabulary

A Look at Wants and Needs Everyone has wants and needs. Wants are things that you do not have to have to survive, but would like to have. Needs are things that you must have in order to survive. People use resources to make or obtain what they need or want. Resources limit the number of needs and wants people can satisfy. The decision-making process can help you make good choices and make the most of your resources by considering alternatives and their consequences. The longer a decision will affect your life, the more you will need to consider all of the possible consequences.

Key Terms _____

wants Things person does not have to survive, but would like to have

needs Things that you must have in order to survive

goods Physical products

services Tasks that businesses perform for consumers

resources Items that people can use to make or obtain what they need or want

Academic Vocabulary _____

determine To settle or decide by choice of alternatives or possibilities

identify To establish the identity of

consider To think about carefully

evaluate To determine the significance, worth, or condition of, usually by careful appraisal and study