

Grade 7 EMS Worksheet

Assessment Task: Free and Economic Goods

Discuss and list the free and economic goods you use on a typical school day (Group activity)

1. Discuss the difference between free goods and economic goods. Write down a definition of free goods and a definition of economic goods.
2. List in table format all the free goods and ten economic goods you use every day, starting from the time you get up in the morning on a school day.

Free goods	Economic goods

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Suggested Solutions

Question number	Possible marks	Solution				
1	None	<p>Definitions:</p> <p>Free goods: goods found in nature and not commanding a price. (Free goods are not scarce. In other words, no resources are used up to produce these goods.)</p> <p>Economic or scarce goods: goods that have limited availability and therefore command a price. (These are goods that become scarce when the demand for them is so big that they can get used up. All goods that are produced have the potential of becoming scarce. Unlike free goods, consumers pay for economic goods.)</p>				
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