

Malawi

Wants & Needs

Time Period: About 1 hour
Kindergarten-Grade 1

About the lesson

It helps students understand the basic needs that children share and the fact that many in this world don't have those needs met. It distinguishes between needs and wants and encourages students to share their ideas with others.

Learning intentions

Students will be taught:

- that all children have basic needs.
- that there is a difference between wants and needs.

Learning outcomes

Students will have learnt:

- to identify and describe the list of basic human needs
- to identify the difference between needs and wants
- to discuss the ideas in pairs and groups

Links to National Curriculum subjects

Global Citizenship
Art
Language



Resources

Photos from Malawi and video clips (e.g. www.raisingmalawi.org), flash cards with illustrations indicating needs/wants with labels on back e.g. water, bed, mother, warm, food, toy, sweets, car, cake, phone...

Lesson Structure

Approx timings

Introduction

If lesson is soon after Christmas (or a child's birthday) share with class what child(ren) received. Ask if they got what they wanted or what they needed

10 mins

Warm up

Show children pictures and (if possible) video clips of children in Malawi. Let children share their views on what they think these children may need and what they may want

15 mins

Development

Show children the cards (picture side) and ask them to group them into needs/wants and explain their decisions.

15 mins

Vocabulary extension

Reading the words on the back of the cards

15 mins

Plenary

Explain how the work with the SOS Children's Village will help meet the basic needs of the children in Malawi

5 mins

