

Teacher's notes

Most students would like to own something that they don't already have.

There could also be a variety of different reasons that they would like to own that particular item. It is important for students to understand what influences their choices so they can make decisions and try to start thinking about why they would like to own a particular item.

Advertising - They may have been made to believe that they will only be accepted amongst their friends if they are wearing a particular brand label or playing with a particular article. Also they may see a toy advertised on television that looks like a lot of fun. They may however find, once they have actually been and bought that toy that it is not as good as it appeared on the television.

Friends - They may choose to own or collect something just because all their friends are wearing/playing with similar things and they don't want to appear odd or to feel left out.

Fashion - They may choose to wear certain clothes because their favourite pop star wears similar clothes.

It is important for students to understand that in order to be able to buy the things that they would like to own, it is necessary to have money.

Students need to realise that unless we have money we are not able to buy the things that we would like. Money comes from a range of different sources - they may get pocket money or money for their birthday. Adults will usually get the money that they have from going to work.

Students need to try and develop a sense of understanding of their own needs and others within their family. They need to understand that money needs to be spent on the things that we need to live - food, house, clothes and shoes.

It is only then if there is money left, that we are able to buy the things that we would like.

Students need to try and learn about the values of different coins and notes and understand that just because they have a big pile of pennies it does not necessarily mean that they have lots of money.

Students need to be able to distinguish between the different coins that are available - 1p, 2p, 5p 10p 20p, 50p £1 and £2 coin as well as the different notes - £5, £10, £20 and £50.