Handout 4-1

**Needs, Wants and Priorities**

**Definitions:**

**Need:** A necessity; something you must have; something essential

**Want:** something you desire (but don’t need)

**1:** items that are essential for healthy living (basic food, shelter, etc)

**2:** items that are not essential but important (transportation, education, entertainment)

**3:** items that are not essential and not important (candy, new music, video games etc)

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1. List some items you or your friends spent money on over the past two weeks. If you can, list items in each of the categories below.
2. Mark each of your items as a need or a want.
3. Mark the priority of each item: 1 (essential), 2(important) or 3 (not essential or important)

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|  | Need or Want | Priority 1,2,3 |
| **Food** (eg. Pop, snacks, lunches, coffee, candy, etc) |  |  |
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| **Clothing** (eg. Hats, shoes, t-shirts, jeans, socks) |  |  |
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| **Entertainment** (eg. Movies, music, games, concerts) |  |  |
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| **Transportation** (eg. Bus tickets, bike repairs, gas) |  |  |
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| **Books and school items** (eg. Pens notebooks, fees) |  |  |
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| **Other** (gifts, toiletries, memberships, cellphones) |  |  |
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