



“If you want to feel rich, just count the things you have that money can’t buy.”

—Proverb



Savvy Shopper

Food and water, clean clothes, a place to live: These are things everyone needs. A closet full of shoes, a new desk, tickets to a movie: These are things people want. But how do you figure out what you need and what you want? You might find it’s not as easy as you think!

Steps

1. Explore your needs and wants
2. Look into why you want what you want
3. Find out what makes people happy (or not!) with what they buy
4. Learn how to decide what to buy
5. Make a plan to buy something you need or want

Purpose

When I’ve earned this badge, I’ll know the difference between what I need and what I want—and I’ll be able to smartly save money for both.

100 Years of Needs and Wants!

CLOTHING

THEN: Heavy coat

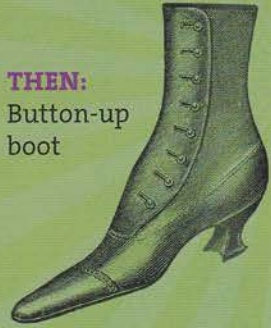


NOW: Baby T-shirt

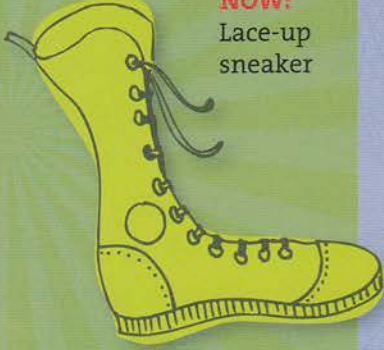


SHOES

THEN: Button-up boot



NOW: Lace-up sneaker



THEN: Pool table



GAMES

NOW: Portable game console



MUSIC

THEN: Phonograph




NOW: Compact disc



BOOKS

THEN: Leather-bound book

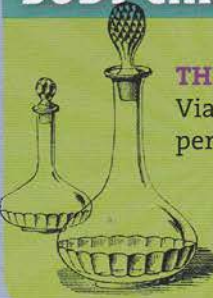


NOW: Paperback book




BODY CARE PRODUCTS

THEN: Vials of perfume



NOW: Sweet-smelling lotion



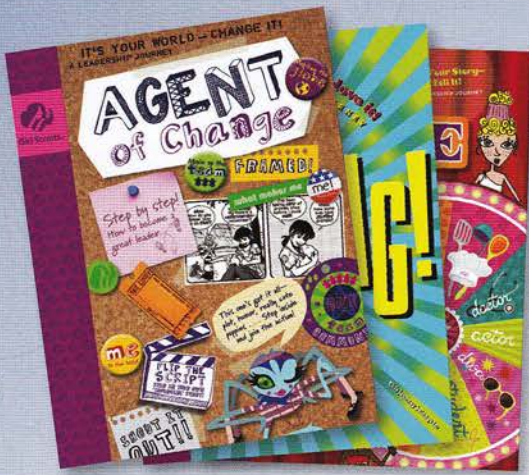
COMMUNICATION

THEN: Typewriter



NOW: Computer





Add the Badge to Your Journeys

When you're brainstorming Take Action ideas, think about community needs and wants. Which project ideas will help with needs? Are some ideas more focused on wants?

Now that I've earned this badge, I can give service by:

- Sharing tips with my friends when they want to make a big purchase
- Helping younger Girl Scouts make plans for using the money from their cookie sale
- Teaming up with my family to come up with grocery shopping guidelines, such as how many "wants" we can have on each trip to the store



I'm inspired to: