People, jobs and choices

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Grade 2 Society: People, Jobs and Choices (5 lessons, about 3 weeks)

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Back to the grade 2 year plan - Term 1. Builds on grade 1: Rules, fairness and community jobs and the society progression

Big idea

A community works because many people play a part, not only the leaders. People make goods and give services, and each one needs skills and knowledge that someone had to learn. Things in a shop have prices, and some goods are made nearby while others come from far away. There is never enough of everything, so people have to choose, and every choice has a good side (a benefit) and something you give up (a cost).

This is the first society unit of grade 2 (term 1). In grade 1 the children sorted Little Hill job cards into goods and services and named a tool and a skill for each job. Here they add who else helps a community, how skills are learned, prices, scarcity and choosing.

Outcomes

By the end of the unit most children can:

1. Explain, using a made-up Little Hill story, how people who are not leaders (a child, a neighbour, a shopkeeper, a volunteer) help a community.
2. Say what someone needs to know or be good at to make one good or give one service, and one way they could have learned it.
3. Read and compare prices on made-up market price cards (up to 20 Little Hill coins), and say whether a good was made in Little Hill or came from somewhere else.
4. Explain, with the class shop, that when there is not enough of something people have to decide who gets it or what to buy, and suggest one fair way to decide.
5. Name one benefit and one cost of a choice made by a story character.

Prior knowledge

- Grade 1 society term 1: rules with "so that..." reasons; three kinds of fair (equal shares, taking turns, giving what someone needs); goods and services; a tool and a skill for each job.
- Grade 1 maths: counting and comparing to 100; adding within 20. Grade 2 maths term 1 runs alongside, so prices stay at 20 coins or less and every sum stays within 20.
- No reading is needed. Every card has a picture; words on cards are for the adult.

Lessons

Each lesson is about 40 minutes: Opening 5, Main activity 25, Discussion 5, Closing check 5. Teach about two lessons a week.

1. Everyone has a part: the Little Hill park clean-up story; who did what, and what would have happened without them.
2. Skills for goods and services: what a job needs you to know or be good at, how people learn it; the class makes one good and gives one service.
3. Prices at the Little Hill market: reading and comparing price cards; made in Little Hill or came from elsewhere.
4. Not enough to go round: the class shop has fewer kites than people who want one; ways to decide; you cannot buy everything with 10 coins.
5. Choosing, and what you give up: benefits and costs of story characters' choices; class shop round; private check.

Materials (whole class unless noted)

- Large picture story cards for "The Park Clean-Up" (6 cards; text in lesson 1).
- Per pair: 6 helper cards from the story: Mayor Hen, Duck (a child), Mouse (a neighbour), Goat (the shopkeeper), Bear (a volunteer), Remy (the bin collector).
- Per pair: the 8 grade 1 job cards (baker, bus driver, nurse, librarian, farmer, bin collector, builder, hairdresser) plus 4 new ones: potter, cook, vet, mechanic.
- Per pair: a "how did they learn it?" mat with four pictures: watching someone, practising, a book, a teacher or course.
- For the class-made good and service (lesson 2): strips of card about 5 cm by 20 cm, crayons, a hole punch (adult only) and wool for bookmarks; a tray of mixed classroom pencils and crayons to sort back into pots.
- Per pair: 10 market price cards (made-up goods and prices; list in lesson 3), each with a small picture of either Little Hill or a lorry/ship.
- Per pair: a "made here / came from elsewhere" sorting mat.
- Per child: 10 "Little Hill coins" (counters or card circles, all worth 1 coin; not real money) in a small pot or bag.
- Class shop (lessons 4 and 5): a table, the 10 market price cards from lesson 3 propped up as shop labels, and paper or card stand-ins for each good (kite, book, apple, bread, wool, jar of honey, pencil, ball, banana, cup). Only 3 kite stand-ins.
- Per pair: a benefit / cost mat with two columns (picture: a smiling face, "what I get"; picture: an empty hand, "what I give up").
- Story choice cards (lesson 5; 4 cards; text in lesson 5).
- Whiteboards and pens, or paper and pencils.
- Sticky notes or name pegs for the closing checks.

⚠ Safety and access

- Not real money. Children never bring money from home and are never asked what their family buys, earns or cannot afford. Every shopping choice is made with the same 10 pretend coins, or on behalf of a story character.
- Scarcity is taught with kites and story goods, not food children need. If a real food is used as a stand-in (for example a real apple for display), nobody eats it; check allergies anyway.

- The hole punch is used by an adult. Scissors, if used for the bookmarks, are child-safe.
- Jobs: show people of different genders, ages and appearances on every card. Avoid "this is a job for boys/girls". Never ask children about the jobs of people at home.
- Access: every card has a picture; children can answer by pointing, sorting, signing, using an AAC device or eye-pointing, and their own way counts. Large-print and tactile versions of the price cards (raised numbers made with glue or stickers) help low-vision and blind children. Coins can be real counters so they can be felt and counted. In the shop, the table is at a height a wheelchair user can reach, and a partner can carry goods on request.
- Colour is never the only way to tell a card apart: "made here" and "came from elsewhere" each have their own picture.

Assessment

There is no test. The closing checks give a quick picture each lesson. During lesson 5, take about 3 minutes with each child, one at a time (spread over the week while others work in the shop), with these cards in front of them:

1. Show the Mouse card from the clean-up story. "Mouse isn't the mayor. How did Mouse help Little Hill?" (Any part from the story, for example lent rakes and gloves.) - outcome 1.
2. Show the potter card. "What does a potter need to know or be good at?" (For example shaping clay, using the kiln safely.) "How could they have learned it?" (Watching, practising, a teacher, a book.) - outcome 2.
3. Show the honey (6 coins) and banana (3 coins) price cards. "Which costs more?" (Honey.) "Which came from somewhere else?" (Banana; it has the ship picture.) - outcome 3.
4. "The shop has 2 balls and 5 children want one. What could they do?" (Any sensible way: take turns, share a game, pick names, wait for more.) - outcome 4.
5. Show story choice card 2 (Goat buys the book). "What did Goat get? What did Goat give up?" (Got the book; gave up the kite, or the 8 coins.) - outcome 5.

Record "yes / with help / not yet" per outcome. This is a check, not a test; accept any sensible answer in the child's own words.

Sources

The C3 framework was read in the archived PDF (pages with the K-2 civics and economics indicators): https://web.archive.org/web/20220403055307/https://www.socialstudies.org/sites/default/files/2017/Jun/c3-framework-for-social-studies-rev0617.pdf

The indicators used, quoted from the framework:

- D2.Civ.2.K-2: "Explain how all people, not just official leaders, play important roles in a community." (Lesson 1.)
- D2.Eco.1.K-2: "Explain how scarcity necessitates decision making." (Lesson 4.)
- D2.Eco.2.K-2: "Identify the benefits and costs of making various personal decisions." (Lesson 5; "personal decisions" are made with pretend coins or for story characters, see Safety.)
- D2.Eco.3.K-2: "Describe the skills and knowledge required to produce certain goods and services." (Lesson 2.)
- D2.Eco.4.K-2: "Describe the goods and services that people in the local community produce and those that are produced in other communities." (Lesson 3.)

- D2.Eco.5.K-2: "Identify prices of products in a local market." (Lesson 3.)

The C3 framework is a framework, not a set of lessons; the stories, Little Hill, characters, goods and prices are the author's own examples, not from a source.

Known gaps and cautions

- Gemini 4 Argon text-checked this unit at c181ab1 on 2026-11-10 and reported no errors (see PEERCHECKS.md). That is a text check by an AI agent, not a teacher review or classroom test.
- Little Hill, its people and every price are made up. Prices are in "Little Hill coins", all worth 1, so the unit does not depend on any country's money; real coins and notes are left for grade 2 maths term 3.
- "Benefits and costs" is taught only as "what I get / what I give up". The wider idea of opportunity cost is left for later grades.
- "Made here / came from elsewhere" uses one clear picture per card. Real goods are often made from parts from many places; this is mentioned to the class once in lesson 3 but not taught.
- Sorting who gets a scarce kite can stir real feelings about fairness. The lesson uses story characters first and the class shop second, and nobody's real wishes or belongings are discussed.
- The society progression lists "swapping and buying" for grade 2; this unit teaches buying with pretend coins only. Swapping (trading one good for another) is not taught here.
- The kinds of jobs and who does them differ between places; change the job cards to fit your area.

Lesson 1: Everyone has a part

Unit overview - Next: Lesson 2

About 40 minutes.

Goal

Children explain, using a made-up story, how people who are not leaders help a community, and what would happen if they did not.

Materials

- 6 large picture story cards for "The Park Clean-Up" (text below).
- Per pair: 6 helper cards: Mayor Hen, Duck (a child), Mouse (a neighbour), Goat (the shopkeeper), Bear (a volunteer), Remy (the bin collector).
- Whiteboards and pens, or paper and pencils.
- Sticky notes or name pegs for the closing check.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

Remind the class of grade 1: "In Little Hill we met a baker, a bus driver, a nurse... Who is in charge of a town?" Take ideas (a mayor, a council, a leader). "Today we find out whether the leader can do everything alone."

✎ Main activity (25 min)

1. **The story (8 min).** Read "The Park Clean-Up" (the author's own story, not from a source), showing each card:
2. After a big storm, the Little Hill park is full of branches and rubbish. The swing is broken. Nobody can play.
3. Duck walks past on the way to school and sees the broken swing. Duck tells Mayor Hen.
4. Mayor Hen says, "The town will mend the swing. But we need help to clear the park." She puts a notice on the board: "Clean-up, Saturday morning."
5. Mouse, who lives next to the park, lends rakes and gloves. Goat, who runs the shop, gives bin bags.
6. On Saturday, Bear and lots of neighbours come. They rake, pick up and fill the bags. Remy, the bin collector, takes the full bags away in the bin lorry.
7. By lunchtime the park is clear, the swing is mended, and everyone plays.
8. **Who did what (10 min).** Pairs lay out the 6 helper cards and, for each one, say what that person did. Walk round and ask: "Which of these people is a leader?" (Mayor Hen.) "Which are not?" (All the others.)
9. **Take one away (7 min).** Turn one helper card face down. "What if Duck hadn't told anyone?" (Nobody might have known the swing was broken.) "What if Remy hadn't

come?" (The full bags would still be in the park.) Pairs try two more cards and tell the class.

✓ Discussion questions (5 min, with answers)

1. "Did Mayor Hen clean the park by herself?" (No. She asked for help and the town mended the swing; many other people did the clearing.)
2. "Duck is a child. Was Duck's part important?" (Yes; Duck noticed the problem and told someone, so it got fixed.)
3. "Remy was doing a job. Bear was helping for free. Are both important?" (Yes. Some people help as their job, some as volunteers, which means helping without being paid.)

✓ Closing check (5 min, with answers)

Each child picks one helper card who is not Mayor Hen and tells a partner (or the adult) what that person did and what would happen without them. Mark with a sticky note or peg who could do it. (Any matching answer from the story.)

Vocabulary

community, leader, mayor, volunteer, notice, help

Differentiation

- Support: use 3 helper cards only (Duck, Mouse, Remy); the adult retells each one's part with the picture.
- Extension: draw a new helper card for the story (for example someone who fixed the swing) and say what they did.
- Children can answer by pointing, signing, AAC or acting out the part; their own way counts.

⚠ Safety

- Keep the story about Little Hill. Do not ask children what their families do for the community, or who they know.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- Some children think the leader does all the work, or that only paid jobs count. The "take one away" step is there to show every part matters.
- "Volunteer" may be new; keep the meaning simple: "helping without being paid".

Lesson 2: Skills for goods and services

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 1 - Next: Lesson 3

About 40 minutes.

Goal

Children say what someone needs to know or be good at to make a good or give a service, and one way they could have learned it. They make one good and give one service themselves.

Materials

- Per pair: the 8 grade 1 job cards (baker, bus driver, nurse, librarian, farmer, bin collector, builder, hairdresser) plus 4 new ones: potter, cook, vet, mechanic.
- Per pair: a "how did they learn it?" mat with four pictures: watching someone, practising, a book, a teacher or course.
- Strips of card about 5 cm by 20 cm (one per child), crayons, a hole punch (adult only) and short lengths of wool, for bookmarks.
- A tray of mixed classroom pencils and crayons, and the class's labelled pots, for the service.
- Whiteboards and pens, or paper and pencils.
- Sticky notes or name pegs for the closing check.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

Hold up the baker card. "Last year we said a baker makes goods. Which goods?" (Bread, cakes.) "What does a baker need to know to make bread?" (How much flour and water, how long to bake it.) "Were they born knowing that?" (No; they learned it.)

✎ Main activity (25 min)

1. **Skills and knowledge (10 min).** Pairs take the 4 new job cards. For each one, say "goods or service?" and one thing that person needs to know or be good at. Model the potter: "A potter makes cups and bowls, so goods. A potter needs to know how to shape clay and how to use the kiln (a very hot oven) safely." Then pairs do cook, vet and mechanic. (Cook: goods, meals; knows recipes, cooks safely. Vet: service, looks after sick animals; knows about animals' bodies. Mechanic: service, fixes cars and bikes; knows how engines and brakes work.)
2. **How did they learn it? (5 min).** Pairs put each of the 4 cards on the picture that shows one way that person could have learned. Any picture is right if they can say why; most jobs use more than one.
3. **We make a good, we give a service (10 min).** Half the class makes a bookmark: draw a pattern on a card strip; the adult punches a hole and the child ties on wool. The other half gives a service: sorting the tray of mixed pencils and crayons back into the

right labelled pots. Swap after 5 minutes. Ask: "Which one made a thing you can hold?" (The bookmark.) "What did you need to be good at to sort the pots?" (Knowing which goes where, being careful.)

✓ Discussion questions (5 min, with answers)

1. "Is a mechanic's work goods or a service?" (A service: they fix things for people.)
2. "Can someone learn a job in more than one way?" (Yes; for example by watching, practising and having a teacher.)
3. "What did you learn to do today that you could get better at with practice?" (Any answer, for example tying the wool or sorting quickly.)

✓ Closing check (5 min, with answers)

Show the vet card. Each child tells a partner or the adult one thing a vet needs to know or be good at. (For example how to look after animals, how to tell an animal is ill, being gentle.) Mark who could do it.

Vocabulary

goods, services, skill, knowledge, learn, practise, potter, kiln, vet, mechanic

Differentiation

- Support: use only the potter and vet cards; the adult names one skill and the child points to the matching "how did they learn it?" picture.
- Extension: choose a grade 1 job card and list two skills and one piece of knowledge it needs.
- Children can make the bookmark with chunky crayons, stickers or a partner's help; any pattern counts.

⚠ Safety

- The hole punch is used by the adult. Wool lengths are short (about 20 cm).
- Do not ask children which jobs people at home do.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- "Skill" (something you can do) and "knowledge" (something you know) overlap a lot at this age; accept either.
- Some children think people are born good at jobs. Point back to "how did they learn it?" each time.

Lesson 3: Prices at the Little Hill market

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 2 - Next: Lesson 4

About 40 minutes.

Goal

Children read and compare prices on made-up market price cards, and sort goods into "made in Little Hill" and "came from somewhere else".

Materials

- Per pair: 10 market price cards. Each shows a picture of the good, its price in Little Hill coins, and a small picture: the Little Hill hill for "made here", or a lorry or ship for "came from elsewhere". The goods and prices (the author's own examples, not from a source):

Good	Price	Where from
apple	2 coins	made here (Little Hill orchard)
bread	4 coins	made here (the baker)
wool	5 coins	made here (sheep on the hill)
cup	5 coins	made here (the potter)
honey	6 coins	made here (the beekeeper)
pencil	1 coin	came from elsewhere (lorry)
banana	3 coins	came from elsewhere (ship)
ball	7 coins	came from elsewhere (lorry)
kite	8 coins	came from elsewhere (lorry)
book	8 coins	came from elsewhere (lorry)

- Per pair: a "made here / came from elsewhere" sorting mat (picture of the hill on one side, a lorry and a ship on the other).
- Per child: 10 Little Hill coins (counters or card circles, all worth 1; not real money) in a small pot or bag.
- Whiteboards and pens, or paper and pencils.
- Sticky notes or name pegs for the closing check.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

"In Little Hill there is a market every Saturday. Everything has a price: how many coins you give to get it." Show the apple card. "How many coins?" (2.) Show the kite. (8.) "Which costs more?" (The kite.)

✎ Main activity (25 min)

1. **Read the prices (8 min).** Pairs spread out the 10 price cards and put them in a line from cheapest to dearest. (Pencil 1, apple 2, banana 3, bread 4, wool and cup 5, honey 6, ball 7, kite and book 8.) Ask: "Which two cost the same?" (Wool and cup; kite and book.)
2. **Pay the price (7 min).** The adult calls out a good; each child counts that many coins from their pot onto the table, then puts them back. Try bread (4), honey (6), ball (7). Then "Apple and banana together?" (5 coins.)
3. **Made here or elsewhere (10 min).** Pairs sort the cards onto the mat using the small pictures. (Made here: apple, bread, wool, cup, honey. Elsewhere: pencil, banana, ball, kite, book.) Ask: "Who in Little Hill made the cup?" (The potter, from lesson 2.) "Why does the banana come by ship?" (Bananas grow in warm places, as we said in grade 1, and Little Hill is not warm enough.) Mention once: "Lots of real things are made from parts from many places; our cards just show one picture each."

✓ Discussion questions (5 min, with answers)

1. "Which good made in Little Hill costs the most?" (Honey, 6 coins.)
2. "Can you buy the ball with 5 coins?" (No; it costs 7, so you need 2 more.)
3. "Why might some goods come from somewhere else?" (They can't be grown or made here, or another place makes them; any sensible answer.)

✓ Closing check (5 min, with answers)

Show the bread and wool cards. Each child points to the one that costs more (wool) and says whether bread was made in Little Hill (yes; the hill picture). Mark who could do both.

Vocabulary

price, coins, market, costs more, costs less, cheapest, made here, came from elsewhere

Differentiation

- Support: use 5 cards only (pencil, apple, bread, honey, banana); count coins with an adult.
- Extension: choose two goods that cost exactly 10 coins together (for example bread and honey, or kite and apple), and find another pair.
- Large-print or tactile price cards with raised numbers, and counters that can be felt, for low-vision and blind children; children can show an answer by pointing, signing, AAC or pushing coins.

⚠ Safety

- Coins are counters, never real money. Do not ask what things cost at home or what families buy.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- Some children think a bigger thing must cost more. The kite (8) and the book (8) cost the same although they are different sizes; the pencil is small and cheap but the cup is small and costs 5. Ask "How do you know?" and point at the number.
- All coins are worth 1 here. Real coins with different values come in grade 2 maths term 3.

Lesson 4: Not enough to go round

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 3 - Next: Lesson 5

About 40 minutes.

Goal

Children explain that when there is not enough of something, people have to decide who gets it or what to buy, and they suggest a fair way to decide.

Materials

- 5 helper cards from lesson 1: Duck, Mouse, Goat, Bear, Remy.
- Class shop: a table, the 10 market price cards from lesson 3 propped up as shop labels, and paper or card stand-ins for each good (kite, book, apple, bread, wool, jar of honey, pencil, ball, banana, cup). Only 3 kite stand-ins; several of each other good.
- Per child: 10 Little Hill coins (not real money) in a small pot or bag.
- Whiteboards and pens, or paper and pencils.
- Sticky notes or name pegs for the closing check.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

Put 3 kite stand-ins on the table. Lay out 5 helper cards. "It's a windy day. Duck, Mouse, Goat, Bear and Remy all want a kite. How many kites are there?" (3.) "Is that enough?" (No; 2 friends would have none.) "When there isn't enough of something for everyone who wants it, we say it is scarce."

✎ Main activity (25 min)

1. **How could they decide? (10 min).** Pairs talk, then share ideas. Write or draw each idea. Likely ideas: first come, first served; pick names from a hat; take turns flying; share one kite between two; wait until the shop gets more; whoever pays more. For each one ask: "Is that fair? Which kind of fair from grade 1 is it?" (Taking turns, equal shares, or giving to whoever needs it most.) There is no one right answer; the point is that somebody has to decide.
2. **Our class decides (5 min).** The class has more children than kites. Agree one way to decide who may take a kite stand-in in the shop today (for example taking turns over lessons 4 and 5). Write it on the board.
3. **10 coins (10 min).** Each child has 10 coins. In small groups at the shop, each child chooses goods and pays the price on the label (with the class's kite rule). Before they start: "Could you buy the kite and the book?" (No; 8 and 8 is 16, more than 10.) After shopping, each child counts the coins left and puts the goods back.

✓ Discussion questions (5 min, with answers)

1. "Why did we need a rule for the kites but not for the pencils?" (There were enough pencils for everyone; there were not enough kites.)
2. "With 10 coins, could anybody buy everything in the shop?" (No; the goods cost much more than 10 coins together, so everyone had to choose.)
3. "What if the shop had 30 kites?" (Then nobody would need to decide who gets one.)

✓ Closing check (5 min, with answers)

"The library has 1 copy of a new book and 4 children want to read it. What could they do?" Each child tells a partner or the adult one way to decide. (Any sensible way: take turns, read it together, pick names, wait for another copy.) Mark who gave a way.

Vocabulary

scarce, not enough, decide, choose, fair, take turns, first come first served

Differentiation

- Support: act out the kite problem with 3 kites and 5 children; the adult offers two ways to decide and the child picks one.
- Extension: write or draw a rule for a scarce thing in the classroom (for example the one class computer or a favourite book).
- Children can choose goods by pointing, signing, AAC or with a partner who carries them; the shop table is at a height a wheelchair user can reach.

⚠ Safety

- The goods are paper or card stand-ins; nothing is eaten.
- Some children feel strongly about not getting a kite. Remind the class of the rule they agreed and that kite turns continue in lesson 5. Nobody's real belongings or wishes are discussed.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- "Paying more" is a real way that markets decide who gets scarce things. If children suggest it, note that it is one way and ask whether it is fair to someone with fewer coins; do not push a single answer.
- Scarcity is not only about money: time, space and turns on the computer can be scarce too.

Lesson 5: Choosing, and what you give up

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 4

About 40 minutes, plus about 3 minutes per child for the private check (spread over the week).

Goal

Children name one benefit (what you get) and one cost (what you give up) of a choice made by a story character, and make their own choice in the class shop with pretend coins.

Materials

- 4 story choice cards (text below; the author's own examples, not from a source).
- Per pair: a benefit / cost mat with two columns (picture: a smiling face, "what I get"; picture: an empty hand, "what I give up").
- Class shop from lesson 4: table, the 10 price cards as labels, paper or card stand-ins for each good, 3 kite stand-ins, and the class's kite rule.
- Per child: 10 Little Hill coins (not real money) in a small pot or bag.
- For the private check: the Mouse helper card (lesson 1), the potter job card (lesson 2), the honey and banana price cards (lesson 3), and story choice card 2.
- Whiteboards and pens, or paper and pencils.
- Sticky notes or name pegs for the closing check.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

"Last time, nobody could buy everything with 10 coins. So every time we choose, we get something and we give something up." Show the mat. "What I get is the benefit. What I give up is the cost."

✎ Main activity (25 min)

1. **Story choices (12 min).** Read each card; pairs put a picture or word in each column of the mat, then share.
2. Duck has 10 coins. Duck buys a kite (8 coins) and an apple (2 coins). (Benefit: a kite to fly and an apple. Cost: all 10 coins; Duck can't buy the book this week.)
3. Goat has 10 coins and wants the kite and the book, which cost 8 coins each. Goat chooses the book. (Benefit: the book. Cost: the kite, and 8 coins.)
4. Mouse can finish a painting or go to the park with friends before tea. Mouse finishes the painting. (Benefit: the painting is done. Cost: missing the park this time.) "A cost isn't always coins; it can be time."
5. Mayor Hen has enough town money for a new swing or a new bench in the park, not both. The town chooses the swing. (Benefit: more children can play. Cost: no new bench to sit on.)

6. **Shop round (13 min).** Small groups visit the class shop, using the class kite rule from lesson 4. Before paying, each child tells a partner "I'm buying ___; I'm giving up ___." The partner listens and checks the price. Goods go back afterwards. Meanwhile, start the private checks (see the unit overview).

✓ Discussion questions (5 min, with answers)

1. "Did Goat make a wrong choice?" (No; Goat chose what mattered most to Goat. Different people can make different choices.)
2. "Is a cost always money?" (No; it can be time, or another thing you could have had, like Mouse's trip to the park.)
3. "Why did Mayor Hen have to choose?" (The town didn't have enough money for both; there wasn't enough, like the kites.)

✓ Closing check (5 min, with answers)

Read: "Bear has 10 coins and buys the ball for 7 coins." Each child tells a partner or the adult one benefit (the ball) and one cost (7 coins, or another thing Bear could have bought). Mark who named both.

Vocabulary

choice, choose, benefit, cost, give up, decide

Differentiation

- Support: use story cards 1 and 2 only; the adult asks "What did Duck get?" and "What can't Duck have now?" as two separate questions.
- Extension: make a new story choice card for a Little Hill character and fill in the mat.
- Children can show benefit and cost by sorting pictures, pointing, signing or AAC; their own way counts.

⚠ Safety

- Only story characters and pretend coins. Never ask what children or their families spend money on, or what they had to give up at home.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- Children often think "cost" only means the price. Card 3 has no money at all, so it helps show that time and other choices are costs too.
- Keep choices neutral: there is no "right" good to buy.