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### Fun Discussion

Needs are those things that we cannot live without in our daily lives while Wants are those things we desire to have but can live without, we may or may not be able to acquire them. This paper discusses what one would carry along if they had to go and live in the Kalahari Desert and distinguishes between wants and needs.

Five items to take when going to live in the desert would include dried foods, matchbox, a map, a bottle for carrying clean water and a knife. The food would help to get along until more was available. The lighters to assist in making a fire. The map would show the way in case of loss of direction. The bottle would be used to carry clean water when it is available and the knife to help in carving wood, or skinning game for food. These five items would be very useful and also easy to carry when there is a movement from one place to another. Keeping an open mind is necessary since there is always the feeling that home is better than the desert. Social ties would have to come to a standstill due to lack of gadgets that allow communication. The attitude an individual has on material possessions also influences what one would choose to carry. The care should be taken not to bring things that are heavy to move about and those that are not useful in such a setting.

The relationship with the natural environment is also put into consideration. It dictates how one can survive in desert weather and their resilience to cope with the hardships found in such places. Sometimes there is a lack of drinking water and an appropriate place to take shelter. The items one chooses to carry can make your stay easier or much more challenging. Efforts to make a rapport with the Bushmen are necessary to allow for friendship. It would make living with them more exciting without the tension that comes from residing in a new place. Learning their ways of survival is a good place to start where one can grasp a lot, because they did not know what would be helpful in the desert. Understanding the tribe's methods of communication is necessary to ensure you get along with them and avoid unwanted conflicts due to miscommunication.

In such a situation, the contrast between needs and wants is very evident, and the wants do not play a significant role. They sometimes end up not being utilized at all. An example is when someone decides to bring along a cell phone but upon reaching the outdoors, they realize that there is no reception at all. The gadget then becomes useless at that particular moment. It means that one can survive well even without the use of a mobile phone. As much as one might desire these material possessions these are things one can survive without using. These are also items that one might never get to own hence they are not too important. Needs, on the other hand, are things which one is doing without meaning difficulty in surviving. Lack of such things like water can end a person's life, and that is why their classification is in that category. They, however, vary depending on the location of an individual, for instance, a place where there is snow would need different items.