

Money: What should we choose?

Item	Portable	Durable	Generally Accepted	Divisible
Fish	+	-	-	+
Sea shell	+	+	-	+
Rock	+	+	-	-
Hamburger	+	-	-	-
Lump of gold	+	+	+	+
Pizza	-	-	-	+
Bag of M&M's	+	-	-	+
Dozen Roses	+	-	-	+
Fish hooks	+	+	-	+
Box of Lincoln logs	+	+	-	+
Dictionary	-	+	-	-
Bag of salt	+	+	-	+
Fur	+	+	-	-
Dozen Eggs	+	-	-	-
Pound of sugar	+	-	-	+
Pound of coffee	+	-	-	+
Good hunting knife	+	+	-	-
Shark teeth	+	+	-	-
Gallon of water	-	-	-	+
Dozen chocolate chip cookies	+	-	-	+

Note: as students decide whether each item has the characteristic, have them explain why + or why not – The above answers are one way to consider each item, but there could be other answers.

Add several items of your own choice and evaluate them. Keep in mind the following criteria:

Portable – can you carry it around easily?

Durable – does it last? Will it still be useful over time?

Generally Accepted – are others willing to trade things of value for it?

Divisible – can you create change without much difficulty?