

Topic 1.1: Scarcity

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3-minute warm-up

The Island Supply Drop

Forty people are stranded on an island after a storm. A relief plane drops one crate: bottled water, a box of tools, packets of seeds, and a single first-aid kit. It is far less than the group wants — and the next plane is days away.

Turn and talk with a partner. Be ready to share.

- 1 What makes this an economic problem? Use the words 'wants' and 'resources.'
- 2 List the limited resources in the crate. Which will run out first?
- 3 Whoever decides how to use the crate gives something up no matter what. Give one example.
- 4 Would having more money on the island solve the problem today? Why or why not?

Be ready to defend your answers with specific evidence from the scenario.