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Supply and Demand

By Lill Pluta

At nine o'clock sharp, when Stan opened his store,
Hundreds of shoppers rushed straight through the doors.
All of them wanted, demanded to buy
A Boomtastic, Zoomtastic, Fantastic Fly.

These robotic toys were the hottest new craze.
Some people had waited in line for five days.
They dashed down the aisles shouting, "Mine! They're all mine!"
And snatched up the gadgets for nine-ninety nine.

In fifty-three seconds, the toys were all sold.
"Try buying online," the sad shoppers were told.

A horizontal banner with a blue background on the left and a white background on the right. On the left, a superhero character with brown hair, wearing a blue suit and a red cape, is flying. A blue shield with the letters 'MJS' is on his chest. On the right, the word 'Preview' is written in large, bold, red letters. Below it, in smaller black text, it says 'Please log in to download the printable version of this worksheet.'

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The wants of consumers can change. They are fickle.
Now Stan sells the Flies for two dimes and a nickel.

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2. What happens to the price of Stan's Flies when the demand is more than the supply?

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at the end of the poem.

5. What accounts for the change in price you described in Question 4?

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Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the poem.
Then write the full word on the line.
Be sure each word is spelled correctly.

1. ___ o ___ o ___ i ___

clue: having to do with robots

1. _____

2. ___ r a ___ e

2. _____



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4. ___ a ___ ___ e t s

clue: mechanical or electronic
tools or devices

4. _____

5. ___ i ___ ___ l e

clue: subject to frequent changes

5. _____

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In the poem, "Supply and Demand," you learned about how the wants of consumers can change quickly.

On the lines below, tell about a toy that used to be popular in your school or among your friends. Is the toy still popular? How do you think this affects the toy's supply and demand?





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ANSWER KEY

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1. What is the best-selling item at Stan's store?

The best-selling item at Sam's store is the Boomtastic Flies.

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