Supply and Demand
By Lil 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.

The wants of consumers can change. They are fickle.
Now Stan sells the Flies for two dimes and a nickel.
1. What is the best-selling item at Stan's store?

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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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3. What happens to the demand for Stan's Flies when the Wobbly Wombat becomes the new craze?

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4. Compare the price of Stan's Flies at the beginning of the poem versus at the end of the poem.

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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

2. ____ r a ____ e

3. ____  ____ n ____ u ____ e r s

4. ____ a ____  ____ e t s
   clue: mechanical or electronic tools or devices

5. ____ i ____ ____ l e
   clue: subject to frequent changes
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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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1. What is the best-selling item at Stan's store?

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

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

The price of Stan's Flies increases.

3. What happens to the demand for Stan's Flies when the Wobbly Wombat becomes the new craze?

The demand for Stan's Flies goes down. People aren't interested in buying them.

4. Compare the price of Stan's Flies at the beginning of the poem versus at the end of the poem.

By the end of the poem, Stan's Flies cost 25 cents instead of the original $9.99.

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

The demand for Stan's Boomtastic Flies decreased, so the price decreased too.
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1. robotic

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