I want a million billion dollars,
Dancing dogs with diamond collars,
Piles of candy ten feet high,
A car that zooms across the sky,
A pony and a unicorn,
A narwhal with a golden horn.
I want it all! I want it now!
(I also want a purple cow.)

Wants can wait! We need needs now!
(But I still like that purple cow.)
Wants and Needs
By Lill Pluta

1. Write out the pairs of rhyming words from the first stanza of the poem on the lines below.

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2. Fill out the chart below with things the author wants and needs.

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3. In your own words, describe the difference between wants and needs.

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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. ___ i ___ m o ___ d
   clue: a precious gemstone
   ____________________

2. ___  ____ o ____ s
   clue: races or speeds along
   ____________________

3. n ____  ____ w  ____ a l
   clue: marine mammal with a single, long tusk
   ____________________

4. ___ h e ___ t e ___
   clue: a place that gives protection from weather or danger
   ____________________

5. s ___ e ___ ___ e r
   clue: be extremely hot
   ____________________

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long tusk
In the poem, “Wants and Needs,” you learned about the difference between wants and needs.

On the lines below, write a paragraph about something you want to have. Then write a paragraph about something you need to have.
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1. Write out the pairs of rhyming words from the first stanza of the poem on the lines below.
   - dollars and collars
   - high and sky
   - unicorn and horn
   - now and cow

2. Fill out the chart below with things the author wants and needs.

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<td>food</td>
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3. In your own words, describe the difference between wants and needs.

   **Wants** are things you would like to have. **Needs** are things that are necessary for you to live or thrive.
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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.  d i a m o n d  1.  diamond

2.  z o o m s  2.  zooms

3.  n a r w h a l  3.  narwhal

4.  s h e l t e r  4.  shelter

5.  s w e l t e r  5.  swelter

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