

Needs and Wants

Categorize these items as needs (N) or wants (W):

Item	N or W?	Why?
Basic modest clothing		
Designer clothes		
Smartphone		
Nutritious food		
Latest game console		
Clean drinking water		
Favorite snacks		
Bicycle		
Islamic books		
Expensive sports car		
Dental checkup		
Fancy stationary		

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Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: “The one among you who wakes up secure in his property, healthy in his body and has his food for the day, it is as if the whole world were brought to him.” (Tirmidhi: 2346)

This hadith teaches us that having health, safety and food for the day is a huge blessing from Allah. It's like having the whole world! It reminds us to be thankful for the basic things we often take for granted.

Think about your day today. Did you wake up feeling healthy and safe? Did you have food to eat? Did you thank Allah for His gifts?

Imagine a friend says, “I’m so upset! I don’t have the new video game everyone else has!” What would you tell them based on this hadith?

