

# Am I a Want or A Need?

## Activity

All families have **needs** and **wants**. Explain to your child that today they are going to learn the difference between these two very important words.

Share that a **want** is something that families would like to have but could do without. A **want** is not something we must have to live. Explain that everyone has different wants. Examples of wants are: ice cream, games, and toys.

Explain that a **need** is something that people in families cannot live without. All people have three basic needs for living: *food, clothing, and shelter*.

Say, "Shelter (a room, house, or apartment) protects us by giving us a place to live."

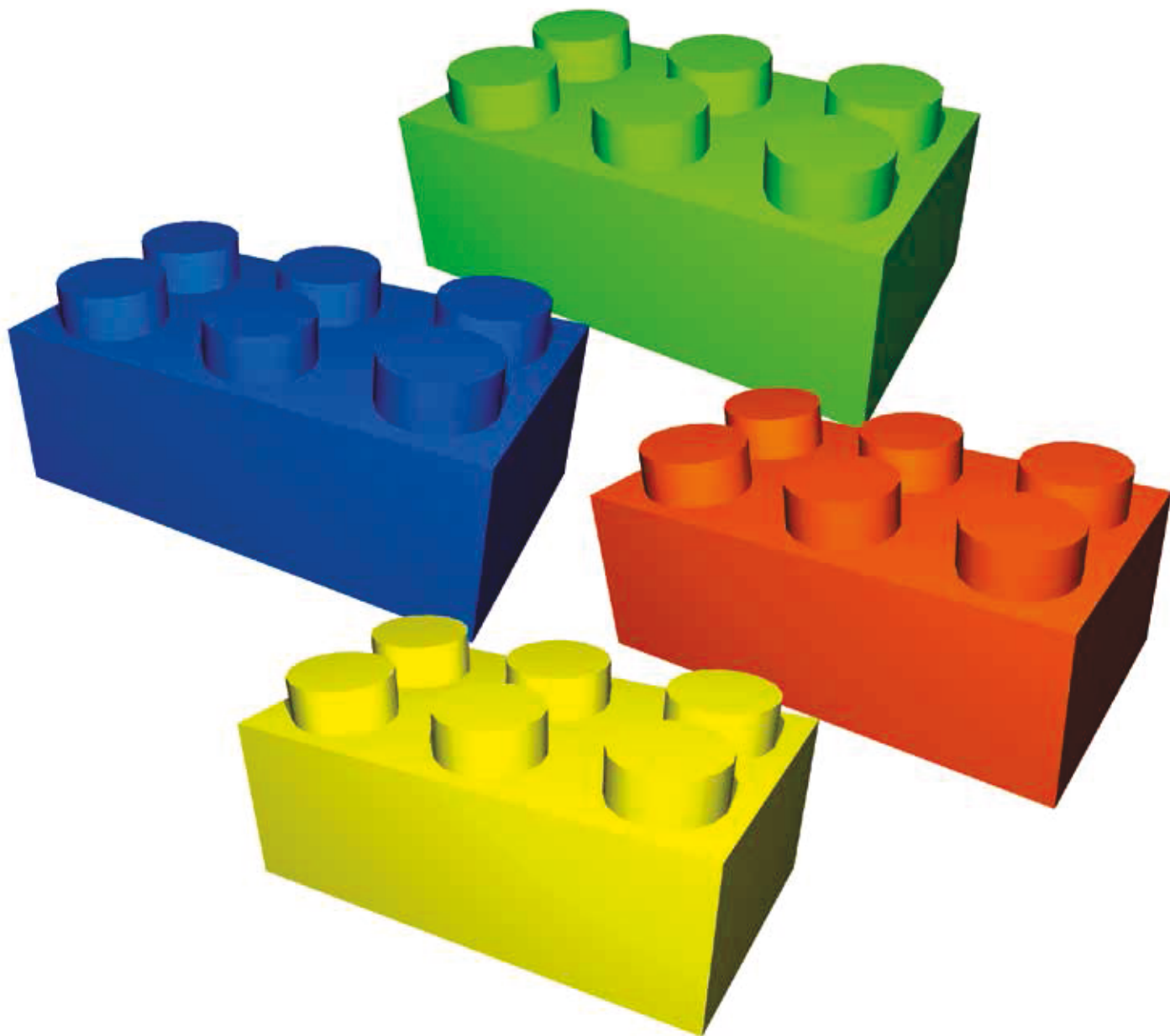
- "Food gives us energy to do activities throughout the day."
- "Clothing protects us from the weather."
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Let your child know that together you are going to look at several pictures and decide if each one is something they need or want.



# **Basketball Soccer Ball**

Things to play with



# Blocks

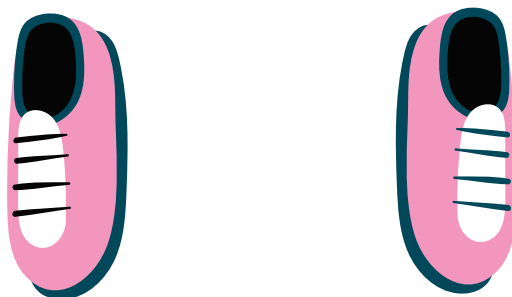
Something to play with



Apartment

# Shelter

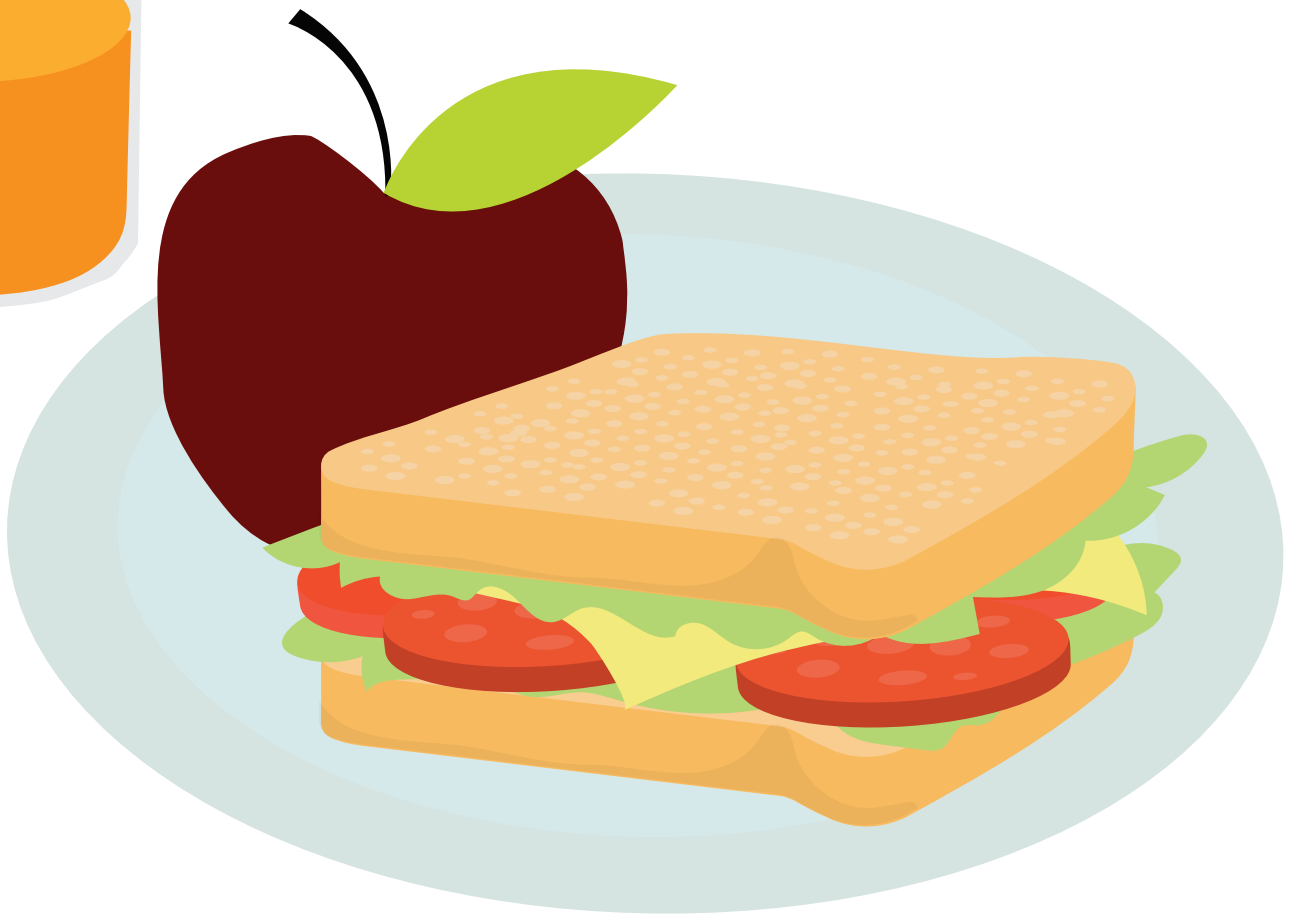
Somewhere to live





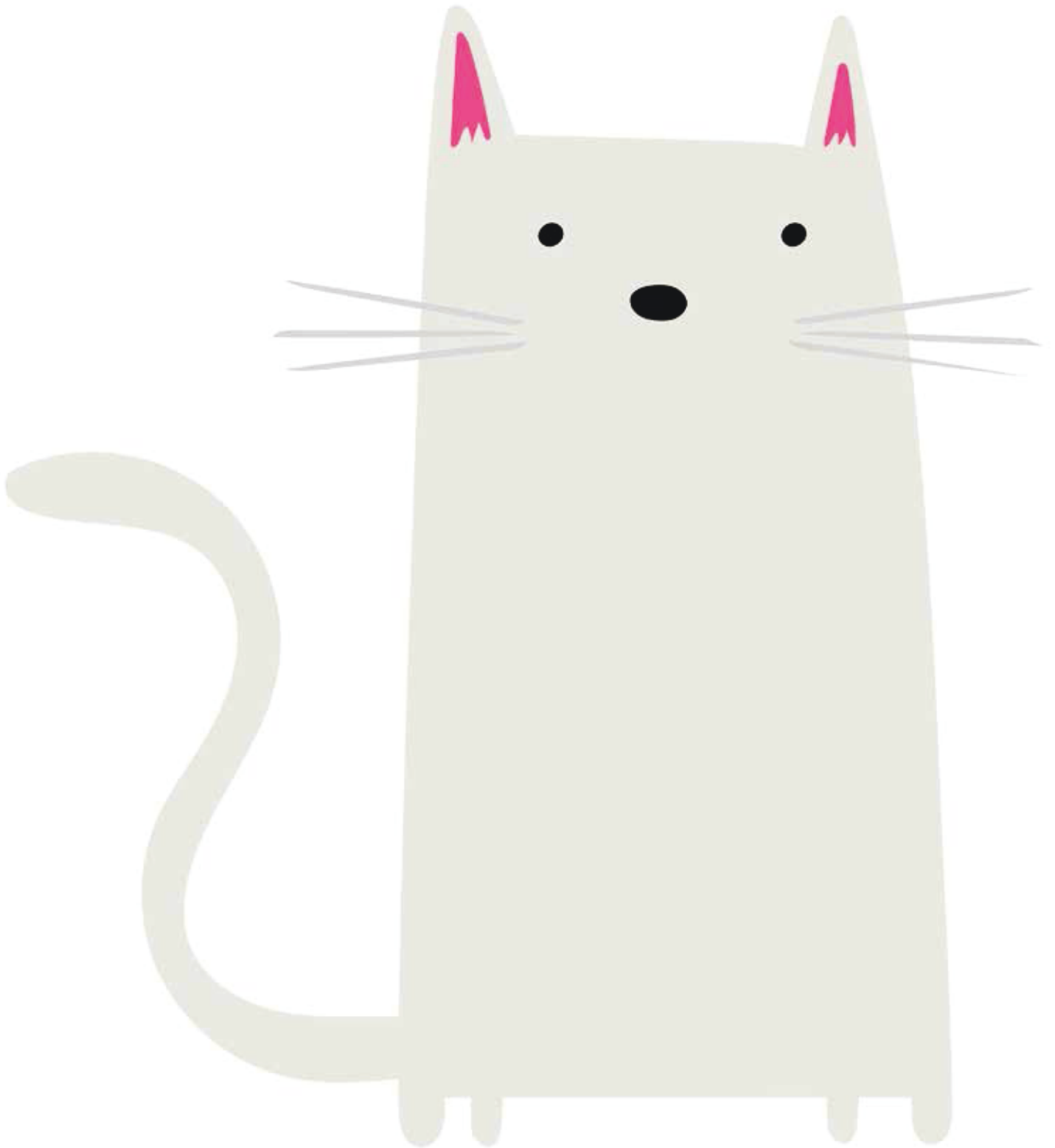
# Clothing

Something to wear



# **Food and Drink**

Something to eat when  
you are hungry and  
something to drink when  
you are thirsty



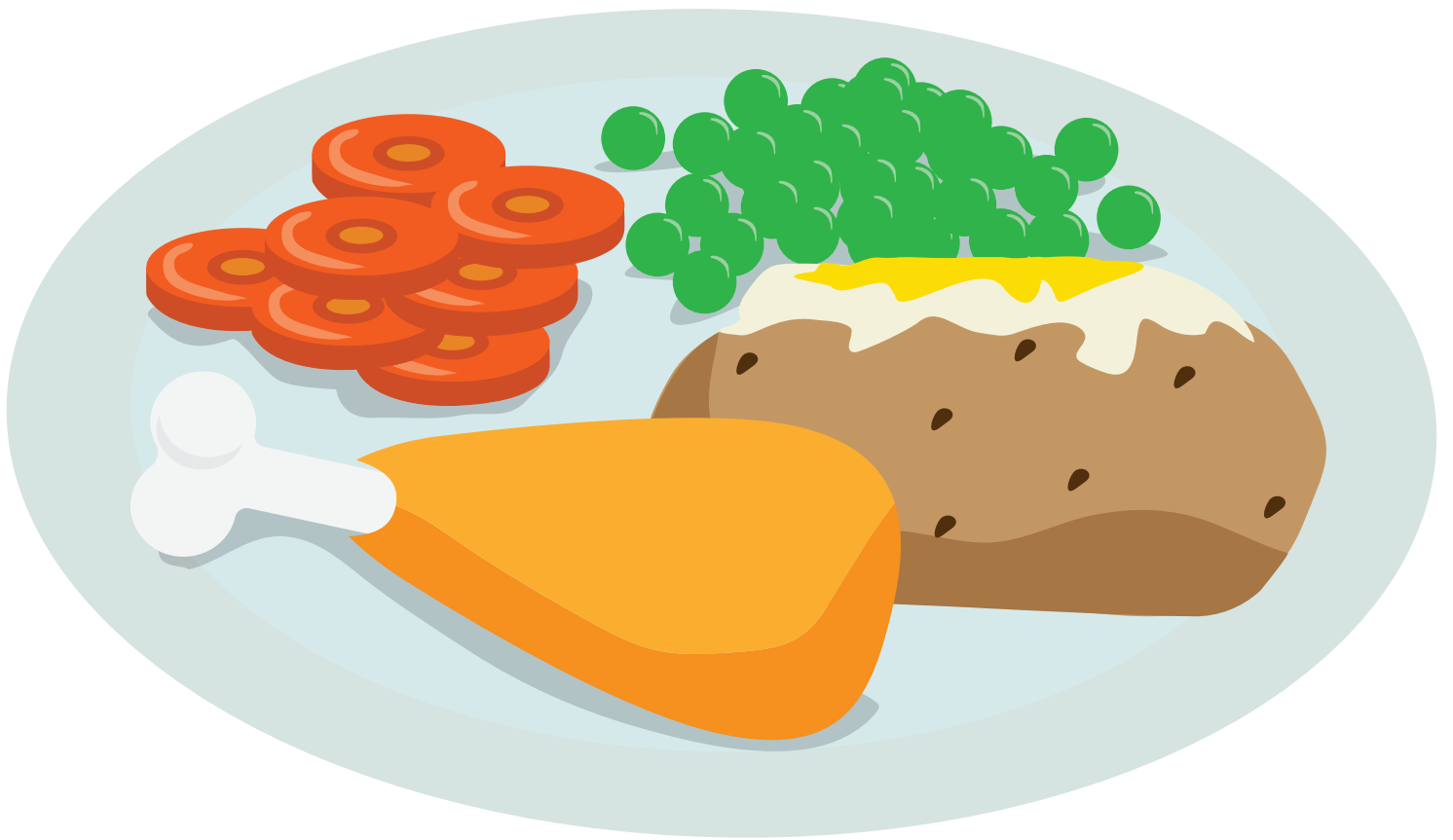
# Cat

Something to play with  
after school



# Shelter

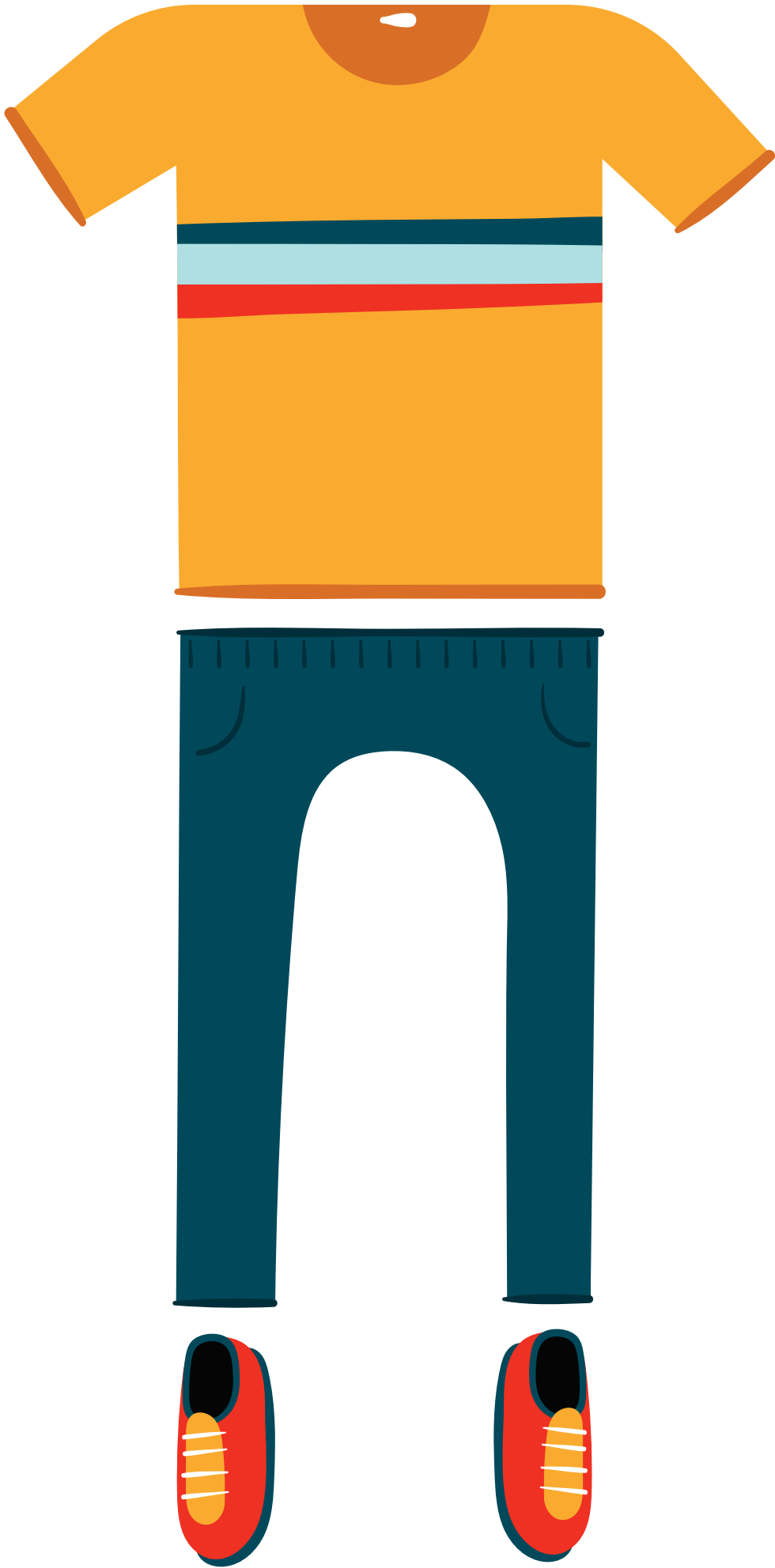
Somewhere to live





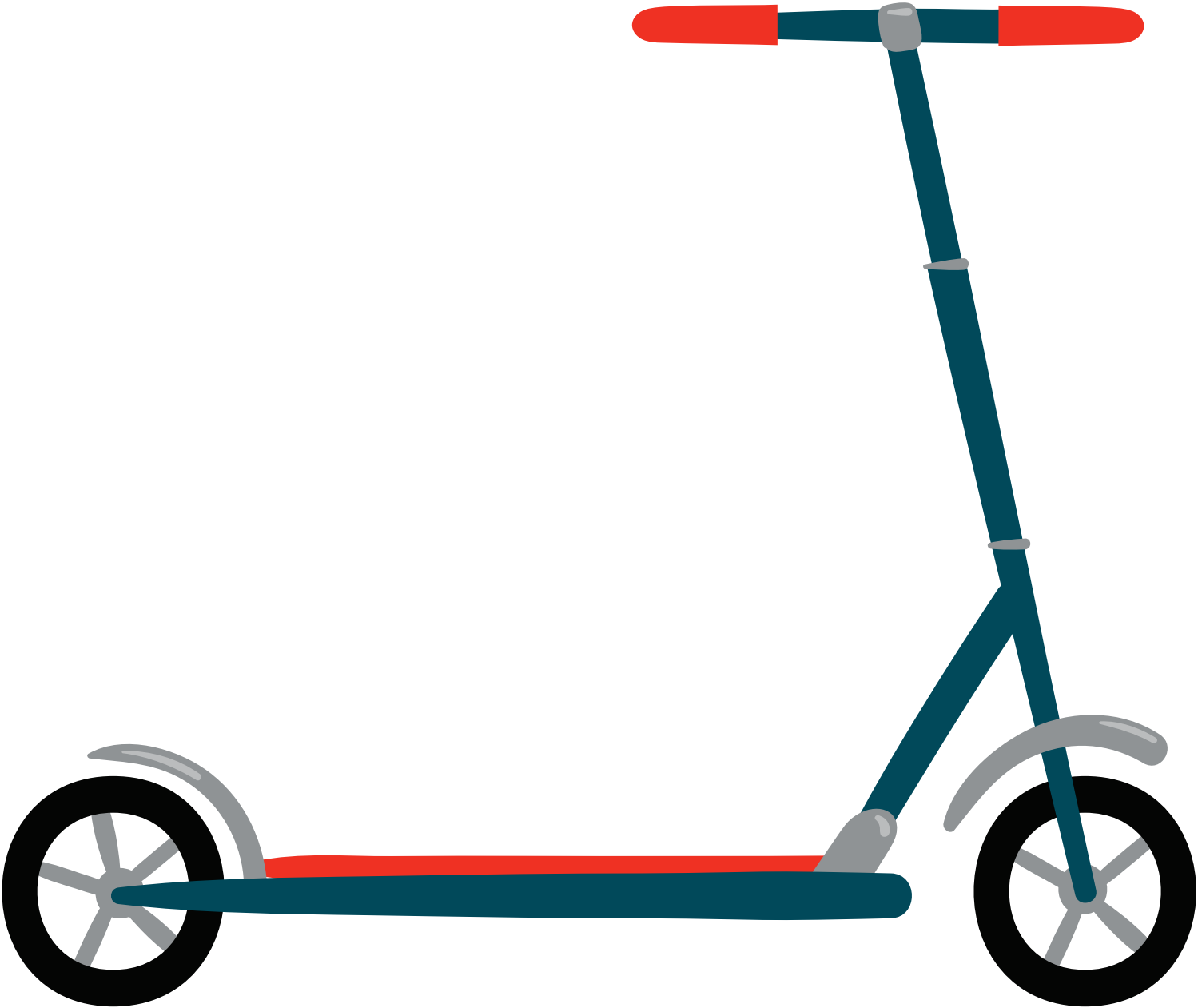
# Food

Something to eat when  
you are hungry



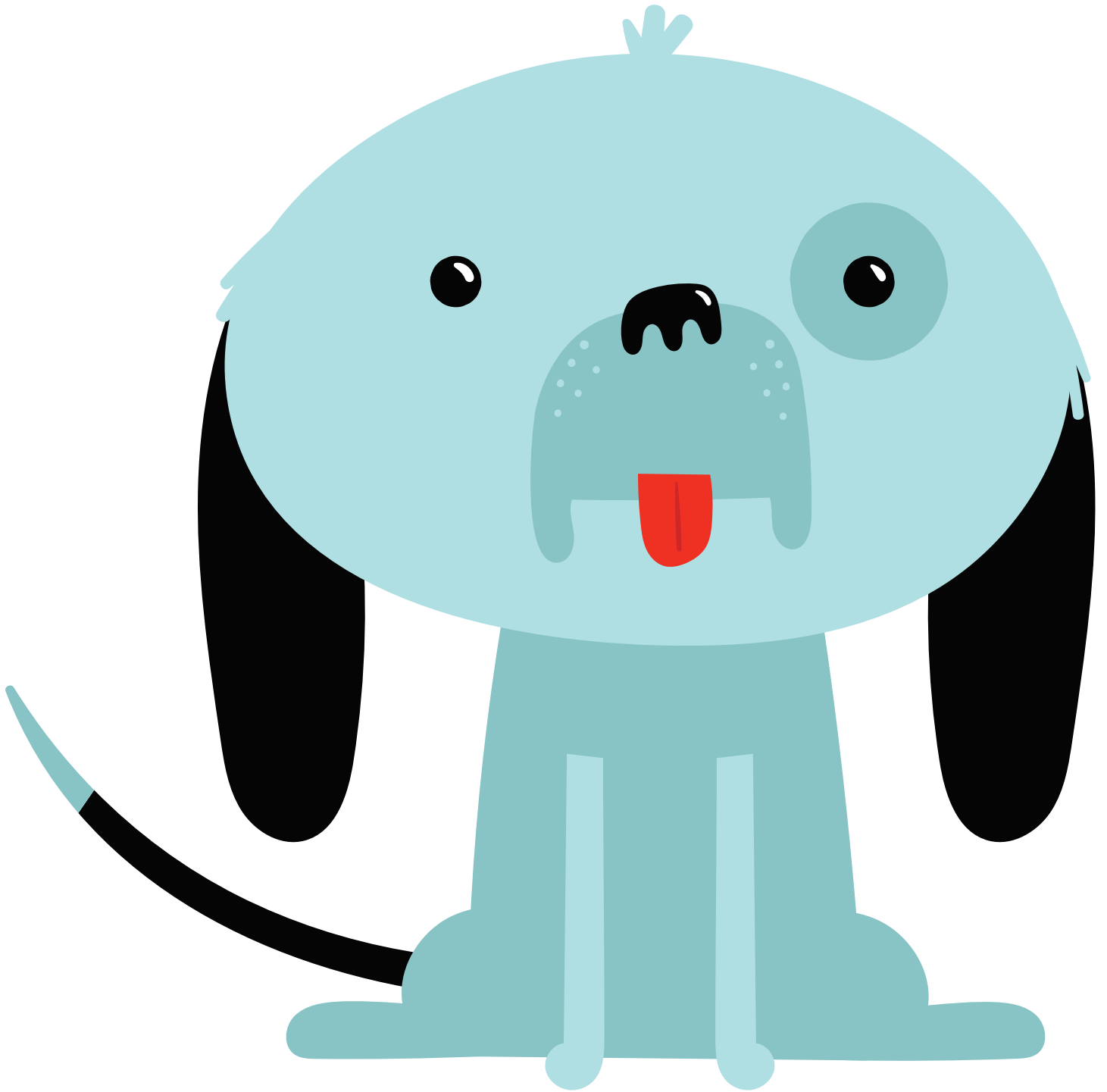
# Clothing

Something to wear



# Scooter

Something to ride  
after school



# Puppy

Something to play with  
after school



# DIPLOMA

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# High School Diploma

(Discuss in your own words why the students should **WANT** a high school diploma and why they will **NEED** the diploma to enter a college, a trade school, or the military, and to get many jobs.)