

Social Studies Lessons
1st Grade

Title	Producer and Consumer Role Play
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Standard/ Indicators Addressed	1-6.4 Recognize the roles of producers and consumers and the ways in which they are interdependent. (E) Connect this study to other indicators in Standard 1-6. Also, connect it to the math money standards for 1 st grade.
SS Literacy Elements Addressed	J. Demonstrate responsible citizenship within the school community and the local and national communities K. Use texts, photographs, and documents to observe and interpret social studies trends and relationships L. Interpret calendars, time lines, maps, charts, tables, graphs, flow charts, diagrams, photographs, paintings, cartoons, architectural drawings, documents, letters, censuses, and other artifacts
Key Concept Words	good, service, need, want, producer, consumer, product, scarcity, marketplace
Materials Needed	Internet role play materials (varies—see description below)
Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Display the following concept words from previous lessons and discuss each one's meaning: good, service, need, want, producer, consumer, product, scarcity. 2. Go to http://www.econedlink.org/lessons/popup.php?lesson_number=457&&flash_name=em457_story1.swf and complete the interactive lesson on <i>consumers</i> together as a class. Discuss as needed. 3. Go to http://www.econedlink.org/lessons/popup.php?lesson_number=457&&flash_name=em457_story2.swf and complete the interactive lesson on <i>producers</i> together as a class. Discuss as needed. 4. After explaining the words, call forward student volunteers to be the consumers, the producer, and the seller. Beforehand, choose items to be the "goods" in the role play. Give them signs to wear around their necks or hold. Give the consumers play money. As you explain the events to the class, have the students role play a producer producing a product/good, taking it to the marketplace, and the consumer coming to buy it. To show scarcity, have more consumers in the role play than goods the seller has to sell. At the point, the consumer cannot buy the good from the seller, stop and discuss what would happen.