Superheroes Do Their Research

WordGirl needs your help with her shopping list! First estimate the cost of each item below and write it down. Next, draw a circle around the items that are “needs” and draw a square around the items that are “wants.”

Now, talk to a grown-up or use the computer to find the actual costs of these items. Write down the actual costs. Does knowing the costs change your mind about which items are wants and which items are needs? Why?

1. One gallon of milk
   - My estimate: ______
   - Actual cost: ______

2. A loaf of bread
   - My estimate: ______
   - Actual cost: ______

3. A pair of jeans
   - My estimate: ______
   - Actual cost: ______

4. MP3 player
   - My estimate: ______
   - Actual cost: ______

5. Two movie tickets
   - My estimate: ______
   - Actual cost: ______

6. A new video game console
   - My estimate: ______
   - Actual cost: ______

Word UP!

★ A need is something you must have in order to survive.
★ A want is something that is nice to have.
★ An estimate is a smart guess made using all of the information you have.