Economics: Needs and Wants Review Sheet

We will be having a test over our Economics unit on Thursday, March 15th. Please help your child study for the test. The test will have a fill-in-the-blank section (with a word bank provided), a short answer section, and a multiple choice section. Thank you for helping your child study.

* Needs are the things that people must have to live. The basic needs we have discussed include food/water, clothing, shelter, and love. Students must be able to list three of our basic needs (listing all four will earn them an extra credit point).
* Wants are things that people have but do not need, such as toys, bikes, and games.
* A shelter is a place to live. Examples of shelters include houses, apartments, tents, and trailers.
* If there is not enough of something, that item is scarce.
* If you save your money, that means that you keep it to use later. A good place to save money is in the bank because the bank pays you money to keep your money there (called interest).
* Technology is the science of making things faster, easier, and/or better. Examples of technology include computers, cell phones, and robots.
* Goods are things that are grown or made to sell. Clothes, books, and corn are all examples of goods.
* A service is something useful that people do for others. Doctors, teachers, and dentists all have service jobs.
* Tax is money used to pay for community service workers such as fire fighters, teachers, and police officers.
* A volunteer is a person who works for no pay to help others.
* Many goods are made in a building called a factory.
* We trade goods with other countries, which means that we give them something and then we get something back.
* A producer is a person who makes or grows goods.
* A consumer is a person who buys or uses goods. (We think about the word “customer” to help us think of the word “consumer”.)