

need

1 Verb + need

Use the correct form of these verbs:

eliminate	feel	illustrate
meet	recognise	stress

1. The theft of the Rembrandt last weekend clearly the need for better security measures at the Palace.
2. The main advantage of credit cards is that they the need to carry cash around.
3. The director the need for co-operation between workers and management if the company was to get out of its current difficulties.
4. More nurseries will have to be built to the need for high-quality child care.
5. The government says that it the need for immediate legislation to combat racism in the workplace.
6. I know you're getting out of hospital today, but you're welcome to come back and talk any time – if ever you the need.

2 Common adjective collocations

Complete the sentences below with the more natural adjective collocation:

constant	desperate
growing	urgent

1. United Nations officials say that the most need is for earth-moving equipment.
(urgent / anxious)
2. My father's illness is long-term, so he's in need of treatment. (continual / constant)
3. Student numbers are increasing year by year, so there's a need for cheap rented accommodation around the university.
(growing / expanding)
4. As winter approaches the refugees are in need of warmth, food and shelter.
(terrible / desperate)
5. There's a need for more help for old people living at home on their own.
(big / clear)
6. When the second Gulf War ended, there was a need for clean water, medical supplies and stable government.
(pressurised / pressing)

3 Expressions with prepositions

Use a suitable preposition in the sentences:

1. Our organisation tries to help those most need of psychiatric help.
2. I'm going outside. I'm in need some fresh air.
3. There's no need all this shouting. Can't we discuss this quietly?
4. I think we're all need of a break.

4 Different needs

Complete the sentences below with the following:

basic	emotional	future
individual	energy	special

1. My wife teaches children with needs. Many of them have severe learning difficulties.
2. A family in Eritrea doesn't need much money to survive. About £10 a week is enough to cover all their needs.
3. The government is investing in training so that the country will be able to meet the needs of industry.
4. Without an increase in the number of nuclear power stations, I don't see how our existing system is going to meet the needs of this country in ten years' time.
5. Our fitness trainers put together a personal programme to suit your needs.
6. Good parents are sensitive both to the physical and needs of their children.

Notes

1. A 'crying' need is very urgent:
There's a crying need for more doctors.
2. Note this expression which means 'if necessary':
I'll stay up all night if need be.
3. Note these common expressions:
She's badly in need of some new clothes.
The school roof is in dire need of repair.
4. Note this verb collocation:
We will contact you again if the need arises.