

Know the Hidden Costs!

An activity of "Tee and Boba".

Read the comics, "Tee and Boba" (page 28, *What's Up* October 2023). At first, the two friends are simply happy about their new pets, the aphids. Then, they realise that keeping pets is not as easy as they thought. There are the obvious expenses. But, there are also hidden costs that they had not thought about at first. This is true for many ordinary things around us. In this activity, explore the hidden costs of what we do in our daily lives.

1a) Watch the following video on the hidden costs of eating meats like beef and chicken:

The Hidden Cost of a Steak: 2-minute Explanation (English)

➤ <https://youtu.be/8lv803AMX48?feature=shared>

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1b) Jot down three hidden costs of eating beef or chicken.

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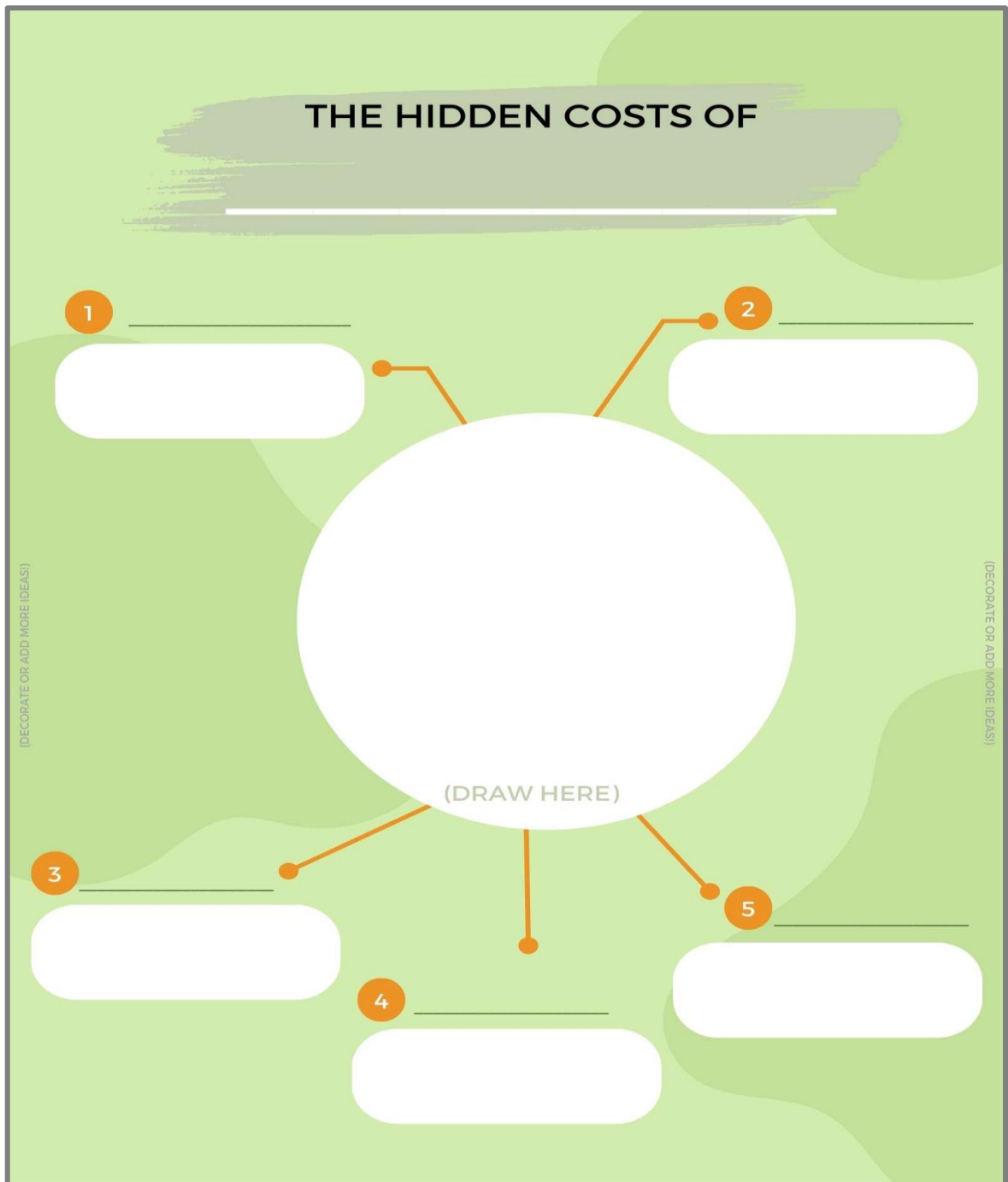
2a) In groups of 4 to 5, select one of the following activities. Identify as many hidden costs as you can think of that are associated with your activity. You may also ask adults for their input.

- Eating fried chicken
- Eating a hamburger
- Buying a smartphone
- Keeping a pet such as a _____
- Playing a musical instrument such as _____
- Going on a vacation to _____
- Using disposable plastic bags
- _____ (*your own*)

2b) Fill in the infographic below to show the hidden costs you have discovered. Here are some broad areas within which there may be hidden costs to consider.

Environmental	Health	Financial	Maintenance
Opportunity costs*	Time	Risks/ safety	Labour

**Opportunity costs are other things you could have done or bought with that same amount of time, energy, and money.*



Being aware of hidden costs will help you to make wiser decisions in life!