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## Barter And Beyond

**Directions:** Read the short background below. Then match each trade good to its correct use by writing the letter of the use next to the item. Think carefully about why these goods mattered during the Lewis and Clark Expedition.



### Background: Trading on the Trail

As the Corps of Discovery traveled west, they often relied on barter with Native tribes to survive. Instead of money, they exchanged useful items such as tools, cloth, and beads. In return, Native people provided necessities like food, horses, and guidance through land that the explorers did not know. Successful trade required respect, communication, and choosing the right item at the right time.

#### Items the Expedition Carried

1. Metal tools (knives, hatchets)  
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2. Glass beads \_\_\_\_\_
3. Cloth and ribbons \_\_\_\_\_
4. Fishing hooks \_\_\_\_\_
5. Peace medals \_\_\_\_\_
6. Tobacco \_\_\_\_\_

#### Possible Uses

- A. Symbol of friendship or alliance
- B. For catching fish in rivers and streams
- C. Decorations valued in many Native cultures
- D. Can be traded for food or shelter when needed
- E. Used for hunting, building, or protection
- F. Gift items for clothing or social status