

Government at Work

Read how local, state, and federal government serve people.

SS.2.CG.3 "Structure and Functions of Government"

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the three government-level names in the first paragraph. Then circle one job named for local, state, and federal government.

Three Levels, Many Jobs

- ① Government is organized to help people live safely and fairly. It works at three levels: local, state, and federal. Each level has leaders and jobs. The levels can work together when a problem affects many people.
- ② Local government serves a city, town, or county. It may provide police and fire protection, collect trash, and care for local parks. A mayor and council members lead many cities. These leaders make choices about local needs.
- ③ State government serves everyone in one state. It helps with state roads, parks, and schools. Federal government serves the whole United States. It handles things that affect the nation, such as national defense and printing money. People choose many government leaders by voting.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which level of government may collect trash and care for local parks?

2 Name one job of state government and one job of federal government.

3 A road needs work in one state. Which level of government could help with it? Use a detail from the passage.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Think of a need in your town, state, or country. Write two sentences that name the government level that could help and tell one job it could do.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the three government-level names in the first paragraph. Then circle one job named for local, state, and federal government. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which level of government may collect trash and care for local parks?	Local government.
2	Name one job of state government and one job of federal government.	State government helps with state roads, parks, or schools. Federal government handles national defense or printing money.
3	A road needs work in one state. Which level of government could help with it? Use a detail from the passage.	State government could help because it helps with state roads.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our town needs a safer crosswalk near the library. Local government could plan the crosswalk because it serves the town.

Accept the listed government jobs and equivalent wording from the passage. For Your Turn, accept a sensible need, the matching level of government, and an accurate job that level could do.