

# Three Levels at Work

Read how local, state, and national governments serve people.

**SS.3.CG.3.2** "Recognize that government has local, state, and national levels."

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 READ AND MARK \_\_\_\_\_ Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline each government level named in the passage. Write 1 by local, 2 by state, and 3 by national each time you see those words.

### Jordan's Saturday Stops

- ① On Saturday, Jordan and his aunt visited three places in their community. First, they stopped at City Hall to report a broken swing at the neighborhood playground. A city worker wrote down the report. The city is a local government. Local governments make choices and provide services for a town, city, or county. They are closest to the people who live there.
- ② Later, they drove on a state highway to a state park. Signs at the park explained that the state government cares for this park. State governments serve everyone who lives in one state. They make some rules for the state and manage places such as state parks. The state government works between local government and the national government.
- ③ At home, Jordan watched a news report about people visiting a national park in another part of the country. The report said the national government manages national parks and makes decisions for the whole United States. It handles jobs that reach across all the states. Jordan saw that local, state, and national governments each serve people at a different level.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

- 1

What three levels of government does Jordan notice?
- 2

Which level of government is City Hall part of in the passage?
- 3

Which level of government cares for the state park?
- 4

How does the national government serve a larger area than a state government?

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YOUR TURN

Your own words

Complete the table with one new example for each level of government. Do not use a place or job from the passage, and explain how each example serves people.

| GOVERNMENT LEVEL | NEW EXAMPLE | HOW IT SERVES PEOPLE |
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**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

Underline each government level named in the passage. Write 1 by local, 2 by state, and 3 by national each time you see those words. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                                                      | ANSWER                                                                                                                                                            |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | What three levels of government does Jordan notice?                           | <b>Local, state, and national.</b>                                                                                                                                |
| 2 | Which level of government is City Hall part of in the passage?                | <b>Local government.</b>                                                                                                                                          |
| 3 | Which level of government cares for the state park?                           | <b>State government.</b>                                                                                                                                          |
| 4 | How does the national government serve a larger area than a state government? | <b>The national government makes decisions for the whole United States and handles jobs across all the states. A state government serves people in one state.</b> |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

| GOVERNMENT LEVEL    | NEW EXAMPLE               | HOW IT SERVES PEOPLE                                    |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Local government    | A county library          | It lends books to people in the county.                 |
| State government    | A driver's license office | It gives licenses to people who live in the state.      |
| National government | The U.S. Postal Service   | It delivers mail between states and across the country. |

Accept answers that correctly identify local, state, and national levels using the passage. For the table, accept other accurate examples that match the correct level and include a reasonable service.