

Jobs That Govern

See how local officials make, carry out, and decide about laws.

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

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each group or leader that does a government job. Write 1 above those who make laws, 2 above those who carry out or enforce laws, and 3 above those who decide cases.

A Safer Library Street

- ① At a neighborhood meeting, residents told the city council that cars sped near the library. The council is a group of elected people who make local laws. Council members listened to the problem, discussed ideas, and voted for a law requiring drivers to slow down near the library. Making laws is one important job of government.
- ② Next, the mayor led the city government in carrying out the new law. The mayor asked city workers to put up speed-limit signs. Police officers watched the street and enforced the law by stopping drivers who went too fast. Government also uses taxes, money collected from people and businesses, to pay for workers, signs, and other public services.
- ③ If a driver disagreed with a ticket, a court could hear the case. A judge would listen to facts from both sides and decide whether the driver broke the law. Courts help settle disagreements fairly. The council, mayor, police, and courts have different jobs, but they work together to keep people safe and solve community problems.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What did the city council do to make a new traffic law?

2 How did the mayor and city workers help carry out the law?

3 How was the police officers' job different from the city council's job?

4 What would a court and judge do if a driver disagreed with a ticket?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

A town has loud construction work near homes at night. Write exactly three sentences explaining a law the city council could make, how the mayor, workers, or police could carry out the law, and what a court could do if someone disagreed with a ticket.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

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PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did the city council do to make a new traffic law?	The council listened to the problem, discussed ideas, and voted for a law requiring drivers to slow down near the library.
2	How did the mayor and city workers help carry out the law?	The mayor asked city workers to put up speed-limit signs.
3	How was the police officers' job different from the city council's job?	The police enforced the law by stopping speeding drivers. The city council made the law.
4	What would a court and judge do if a driver disagreed with a ticket?	The court would hear the case, and the judge would listen to facts from both sides and decide whether the driver broke the law.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The city council could make a law that limits loud construction work at night. The mayor could have city workers post the rule, and police could enforce it. If a worker disagreed with a ticket, a court could listen to both sides and decide whether the law was broken.

Accept equivalent descriptions of the council making laws, the mayor, workers, or police carrying out or enforcing laws, and courts deciding cases fairly. For Your Turn, accept reasonable local laws and accurate explanations of the different government jobs.