

Rules Help Us

Read how government, rules, and laws support a community.

SS2CG1 "Define the concept of government and the need for rules and laws."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words that tell what government is, circle each example of a rule or law, and number 1, 2, and 3 beside reasons rules and laws are needed.

Working Together

- ① A government is a group of people who help a community work well. In a town, government workers help care for parks, streets, and safety. People choose some leaders to make choices for everyone.
- ② Rules tell people what they may or may not do in a place. A library rule might say, "Use quiet voices." Laws are rules made by a government. A law can help keep people safe, such as stopping at red lights.
- ③ Rules and laws help people know what to do. They can protect people and property, and they can help solve problems fairly. Without a rule for taking turns at the playground, children might argue about who goes first.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What is a government?

2 How are laws connected to government?

3 Why are rules and laws needed? Write one reason from the passage.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two sentences for a place you know. In the first sentence, make one rule. In the second sentence, tell how the rule helps people or solves a problem.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

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PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is a government?	A government is a group of people who help a community work well.
2	How are laws connected to government?	Laws are rules made by a government.
3	Why are rules and laws needed? Write one reason from the passage.	They help people know what to do, protect people and property, or solve problems fairly.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At the school playground, take turns on the swings. This rule helps children share safely and prevents arguments.

Accept equivalent definitions of government that describe people helping a community work well. For Your Turn, accept a sensible rule and a clear explanation of how it helps people, keeps them safe, protects property, or solves a problem.