Places Near and Far

Compare daily life in three communities

2.SS.5.1 "Compare your community with others in various parts of the world."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one way people travel in each community. Circle one place where people buy food in each community to help you compare them.

Three Communities

1. Maya lives in a town near Chicago in the United States. She takes a bus to school. Her family buys food at a grocery store. On sunny days, Maya and her neighbors play at a park.

2. Venice is a city in Italy. Canals, or water paths, run between many buildings. Some people take boats to get around. Families buy food at shops. Neighbors can meet in a square, an open place with room to talk.

3. Nairobi is a city in Kenya. Many people ride small buses called matatus. Families can buy food at outdoor markets or grocery stores. Children can play in parks. Nairobi has busy streets, but it also has green spaces with trees.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How is Maya's town like Venice when people buy food?

2. How is Maya's trip to school different from how some people get around Venice?

3. How are Maya's town and Nairobi alike in travel or play?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think about your community. Write three sentences comparing it with Venice or Nairobi. Tell one way the places are alike and one way they are different, using details from the passage.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one way people travel in each community. Circle one place where people buy food in each community to help you compare them. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How is Maya's town like Venice when people buy food?	**Families in both places buy food at stores or shops.**
2	How is Maya's trip to school different from how some people get around Venice?	**Maya takes a bus, while some people in Venice take boats.**
3	How are Maya's town and Nairobi alike in travel or play?	**People in both places ride buses, or children in both places play in parks.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My community has buses, while some people in Venice ride boats. Families in both places buy food at shops. Neighbors in my community meet at a park, while neighbors in Venice can meet in a square.

Accept any passage-supported comparison for the questions. For Your Turn, accept accurate details about the chosen city and plausible details about the student's community.