Around Maya's Town

How town services help a community

3.SS.4.5 "Describe services commonly and primarily provided by governments for the community."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline four services the town government provides, and circle words that tell how each service helps people.

A Saturday Around Town

1. On Saturday morning, Maya rides her bike through her town. She spots a deep hole in the street. A town road crew fills the hole and makes the street smooth again. Town governments often care for public streets so people can travel safely. A family walking nearby can now cross without stepping into the hole. Bikes, cars, and buses use these streets each day.

2. Later, Maya hears a truck stop by the curb. Workers hired by the town collect trash from homes on her block. Taking trash away helps keep shared spaces clean. At the public library, Maya borrows a book about birds. The town pays for this library so people can read and learn without buying every book they want.

3. On her way home, Maya sees a fire truck pull up outside an apartment building. Firefighters help a neighbor who smells smoke from a kitchen. They check the room and make sure everyone is safe. The town government pays for firefighters and their tools. Firefighters respond to fires and other emergencies, helping protect people across the town, not just one home.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does the town road crew do, and how does its work help people?

2. What trash service does the town provide, and how does it help the community?

3. What does the town provide for people who want to read and learn?

4. What service do firefighters provide, and who does it help?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine your town opens a new playground. In two sentences, describe a different service the town government could provide there, what workers would do, and how it would help people.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.SS.4.5

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline four services the town government provides, and circle words that tell how each service helps people. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does the town road crew do, and how does its work help people?	**The crew fills a hole in the street, making it smoother and safer for people traveling.**
2	What trash service does the town provide, and how does it help the community?	**Workers hired by the town collect trash from homes, helping keep shared spaces clean.**
3	What does the town provide for people who want to read and learn?	**The town pays for a public library where people can borrow books instead of buying them.**
4	What service do firefighters provide, and who does it help?	**Firefighters respond to fires and other emergencies to help protect people across the town.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The town could hire workers to check and fix playground equipment. They would repair a broken swing so children could play more safely.

Accept accurate descriptions of the services and their benefits in the passage. For Your Turn, accept a plausible government service at a playground that differs from the four services in the reading and explains how it helps people.