Town Choices Matter

See how town leaders help their neighbors.

2.C.2 "Explain why it is important for a community to have a responsible government."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one helpful choice town leaders make in each paragraph. Circle the words that explain why each choice helps people.

Helping Pine Town

1. In Pine Town, people walk home when it gets dark. A streetlight near the library breaks. Neighbors tell the town leaders. The leaders send workers to fix it, so people can see the path and walk more safely.

2. At the park, trash cans are full. Families tell the town leaders. The leaders send workers to empty the cans each week. This keeps trash off the ground, so children have a clean place to play.

3. The town has money for one new bench. Responsible leaders ask neighbors where it is needed most. They choose the bus stop, where many people wait. Listening first helps the town spend its money on what people need.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why is it important that town leaders fix the streetlight?

2. Why is it important that town leaders empty the park's trash cans?

3. Why do responsible leaders ask neighbors where the bench is needed?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine the sidewalk near your school has a large crack. Write two sentences telling what town leaders could do and why it would help people.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one helpful choice town leaders make in each paragraph. Circle the words that explain why each choice helps people. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why is it important that town leaders fix the streetlight?	**People can see the path and walk more safely.**
2	Why is it important that town leaders empty the park's trash cans?	**Trash stays off the ground, giving children a clean place to play.**
3	Why do responsible leaders ask neighbors where the bench is needed?	**Listening helps them spend town money on something people need.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Town leaders could send workers to fix the cracked sidewalk. This would help people walk to school without tripping.

Accept answers that connect each town action to a benefit stated in the passage. For Your Turn, accept a reasonable action and a clear explanation of how it helps people.