Rights in Action

Read about rights protected by Indiana's Constitution.

4.C.2 "Describe individual rights, such as freedom of speech and freedom of religion, which people have under Article I of Indiana's Constitution."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two actions that show freedom of speech and circle two choices that show freedom of religion so you can compare what the rights protect.

A Town with Different Views

1. On Saturday, neighbors in an Indiana town meet to talk about a new park. Maya says the park needs more trees. Leo says it needs a place to play ball. They disagree, but each can share an opinion. Article I of Indiana's Constitution protects freedom of speech. This right lets people speak and write their ideas, even when others do not agree with them.

2. On Sunday, some neighbors gather to pray at a church. Others worship in a different place, and some do not worship. Article I also protects freedom of religion and rights of conscience. People can follow their religious beliefs without a law choosing their beliefs for them. A neighbor should not be forced to share someone else's beliefs to be treated as a member of the community.

3. Later, the town asks for ideas about the park at a public meeting and in letters. A person may speak at the meeting or write a letter arguing for a garden. Another person might observe a religious holiday and miss the meeting. These choices show different rights at work. Speech protects sharing ideas. Freedom of religion protects people's choices about belief and worship.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Maya and Leo disagree about the park. How does freedom of speech protect both of them?

2. Some neighbors worship, and some do not. How does freedom of religion protect their different choices?

3. A neighbor writes a letter arguing for a garden. Which right protects this action, and what does that right let the neighbor do?

4. A neighbor observes a religious holiday instead of going to the meeting. Which right protects this choice, and why?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a town festival where people have different ideas and beliefs. Write two sentences with new examples: one showing how freedom of speech lets a person share an idea and one showing how freedom of religion protects a person's choice.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 4 · 4.C.2

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two actions that show freedom of speech and circle two choices that show freedom of religion so you can compare what the rights protect. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Maya and Leo disagree about the park. How does freedom of speech protect both of them?	**It lets both Maya and Leo share their opinions about the park, even though they disagree.**
2	Some neighbors worship, and some do not. How does freedom of religion protect their different choices?	**It protects their choices about belief and worship without a law choosing their beliefs for them.**
3	A neighbor writes a letter arguing for a garden. Which right protects this action, and what does that right let the neighbor do?	**Freedom of speech protects the letter. It lets the neighbor share an idea in writing.**
4	A neighbor observes a religious holiday instead of going to the meeting. Which right protects this choice, and why?	**Freedom of religion protects the neighbor's choice to observe a religious holiday.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At the festival, Sam suggests adding a quiet reading tent, and freedom of speech lets Sam share that idea. At the festival, Noor chooses to take time to pray, and freedom of religion protects that choice.

Accept other passage-supported explanations that connect sharing an idea to freedom of speech or a choice about belief or worship to freedom of religion. For Part 3, look for two new examples, one for each right.