

City Block Clues

Find the signs of an urban community.

2.1a "An urban community, or city, is characterized by dense population and land occupied primarily by buildings and structures that are used for residential and business purposes."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words that tell how many people live in the city. Circle words that tell how the land is used, because these clues show why the place is urban.

Maya's City Block

- ① On a morning walk, Maya visits a city block. People live close together in tall apartment buildings. Many families share the same block. Sidewalks, streets, and buildings fill most of the space. This kind of place is an urban community.
- ② The city land is used in several ways. Apartment buildings give people homes, also called residences. A bakery, grocery store, and barber shop are businesses. These buildings and shops stand near each other, so people can walk from homes to many services.
- ③ Cities have a dense population. This means many people live in a small amount of land. A busy block may have apartment buildings above stores. Because buildings cover much of the land, there may be little open space between them.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What does a dense population mean in a city?

2 Name one residential building and one business from the passage.

3 What two facts from the passage show that Maya's block is urban?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write three sentences about a city block you invent. Tell why it is urban, using details about people, homes, and businesses.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline words that tell how many people live in the city. Circle words that tell how the land is used, because these clues show why the place is urban. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does a dense population mean in a city?	Many people live in a small amount of land.
2	Name one residential building and one business from the passage.	A residential building is an apartment building. A business can be a bakery, grocery store, or barber shop.
3	What two facts from the passage show that Maya's block is urban?	Many people live close together, and most of the land is covered by buildings used for homes and businesses.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On my city block, apartments stand next to a grocery store. Many people live close together in the apartment building. The land has homes and businesses, so it is urban.

Accept equivalent descriptions of many people living in a small space and land used mostly for homes and businesses. For the open response, look for three sentences that include dense population and residential and business land use.