

Safe Town Choices

How government and citizens help a community work safely.

2.3b "Government is established to maintain order and keep people safe. Citizens demonstrate respect for authority by obeying rules and laws."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each rule or law in the passage. Circle each action that helps keep people safe or keeps order.

A Safe Way to Cross

- ① In Maple Town, the town government helps people live safely together. The government makes laws, such as stopping at red lights. These laws help cars, bikes, and walkers move in an orderly way on busy streets.
- ② Town workers also help keep people safe. Police officers respond when people need help, and firefighters put out fires. At a school crossing, a crossing guard directs traffic and tells students when to wait or cross.
- ③ Citizens show respect for authority when they obey rules and laws. When the crossing guard faces the students and holds up a hand to tell them to wait, students stay at the curb. Following the guard's directions helps everyone cross safely.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What law helps traffic move in an orderly way?

2 Name two town workers from the passage and tell how each one helps keep people safe.

3 What should students do when the crossing guard tells them to wait? How does this show respect for authority?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two sentences about a rule at a community place. Tell who gives the rule, what you do to obey it, and how it helps keep people safe or orderly.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each rule or law in the passage. Circle each action that helps keep people safe or keeps order. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What law helps traffic move in an orderly way?	The law says to stop at red lights.
2	Name two town workers from the passage and tell how each one helps keep people safe.	Any two: Police officers respond when people need help; firefighters put out fires; the crossing guard directs traffic and tells students when to wait or cross.
3	What should students do when the crossing guard tells them to wait? How does this show respect for authority?	Students should wait at the curb. This shows respect because they obey the crossing guard's direction.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At the city park, a park ranger tells visitors to stay on the trail. I stay on the trail because I respect the ranger, and it helps keep people from getting lost.

Accept equivalent descriptions of the law, workers, and safe actions from the passage. For Your Turn, accept any sensible community rule that names an authority figure, an obedient action, and a safety or order reason.