

Law Makers, Law Enforcers

Find the community leaders who make and enforce local laws.

2.4b "Communities have leaders who are responsible for making laws and enforcing laws."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words that tell who makes a law, circle the words that tell who enforces a law, and number 1, 2, and 3 beside the steps leaders took to make the library street law.

A Safer Library Street

- ① In the imaginary city of Pine Hill, people wanted safer streets near the library. They told the city council about cars driving too fast. The council is a group of elected community leaders. Council members listen to people and talk about ideas for local laws.
- ② After talking, council members voted for a law requiring drivers to slow down near the library. A majority voted yes, so the law was made. The mayor signed the law. Leaders made this law to help keep people safe.
- ③ Police officers enforce the law. They watch for drivers who speed near the library and may give a ticket. Enforcing a law means helping people follow it. The council makes laws, and police officers enforce them.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which community leaders made the law about drivers near the library?

2 Who enforces the library street law?

3 How do police officers enforce the law near the library?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Imagine your city needs a law to solve a problem at a park, on a street, or in another public place. Write two sentences that tell the law and name who would make it and who would enforce it.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the words that tell who makes a law, circle the words that tell who enforces a law, and number 1, 2, and 3 beside the steps leaders took to make the library street law. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which community leaders made the law about drivers near the library?	The city council, or council members, made the law.
2	Who enforces the library street law?	Police officers enforce the law.
3	How do police officers enforce the law near the library?	They watch for drivers who speed and may give a ticket.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our city should have a law that people must put trash in bins at the park. The city council could make the law, and police officers could enforce it.

Accept any sensible local law that addresses a community problem. The response should name community leaders who make the law and an official, such as police officers, who enforces it.