

Community Layers

Read how New York local governments fit together.

4.4c "Government in New York State is organized into counties, cities, towns, and villages."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the first appearance of each named county, city, town, or village. Write C, CI, T, or V beside each circled name to show its type of local government.

A New York Community Example

- ① New York State has local governments that help communities work. The state is organized into counties, cities, towns, and villages. Most counties contain cities or towns within their boundaries. New York City is different: it spans five counties. A city has its own local government. A town has its own local government too. A village is a local government that is located within one or more towns.
- ② Look at a made-up example. Maple County is a county in New York State. Inside Maple County are the City of Riverton and the Town of Cedar. Brookside is a village within the Town of Cedar. Therefore, Brookside is also in Maple County. A person describing Brookside should name both Brookside Village and Cedar Town, then name Maple County.
- ③ Local governments make decisions for the people they serve. County leaders work on matters that affect the county. City, town, and village leaders make decisions for their own communities. These governments are part of New York State's system of government. Knowing whether a place is a county, city, town, or village helps people understand which local community is being described.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What four types of local government are named in the passage?

2 What type of local government is each place in the made-up example: Maple County, Riverton, Cedar, and Brookside?

3 Brookside is a village. Name the town that contains it and the county where it is located.

4 How does the passage describe most counties, and how is New York City different?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Create a made-up New York example in exactly three sentences. Name one county, one city, one town, and one village, and explain that the village is inside the town and county.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle the first appearance of each named county, city, town, or village. Write C, CI, T, or V beside each circled name to show its type of local government. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What four types of local government are named in the passage?	Counties, cities, towns, and villages.
2	What type of local government is each place in the made-up example: Maple County, Riverton, Cedar, and Brookside?	Maple County is a county. Riverton is a city. Cedar is a town. Brookside is a village.
3	Brookside is a village. Name the town that contains it and the county where it is located.	Brookside is within the Town of Cedar in Maple County.
4	How does the passage describe most counties, and how is New York City different?	Most counties contain cities or towns. New York City spans five counties.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Lake County is a county in New York State. The City of Harbor and the Town of Pine are in Lake County. The Village of Meadow is within the Town of Pine, so it is also in Lake County.

Accept equivalent wording that correctly identifies all four government types. For the open response, accept any made-up names if the county, city, town, and village are labeled correctly and the village is placed within the town and county.