How Government Helps

Identify rights and ways government helps the community.

1.C.1.1 "Identify the basic purposes of our nation's government and explain how it protects a citizen's rights, while providing for the common good (e.g., health, safety, and the protection of property)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CIRCLE ONE

a	candy	speech	prizes
b	parks	treats	prizes
c	songs	games	rules

2 DRAW LINES

health	•	•	homes
safety	•	•	water
property	•	•	roads

ANSWER KEY

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each prompt and the printed choices aloud. Students circle and match on their own, then explain one match aloud. Listen for how government protects rights, helps people, or protects property, and record any support separately.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 · CIRCLE ONE

SAY "Listen as I read each question and its choices. Circle one answer in each row."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Which right does our government protect so people can share ideas? The choices are candy, speech, and prizes. Which one will you circle?	**speech**
b	Which place can a town government care for so everyone can use it? The choices are parks, treats, and prizes. Which one will you circle?	**parks**
c	What does a government make to help keep people safe and protect what they own? The choices are songs, games, and rules. Which one will you circle?	**rules**

PART 2 · DRAW LINES

SAY "The left words are health, safety, and property. The right words are homes, water, and roads. Draw a line from each left word to what government helps protect. When you finish, tell me how government helps with one pair."

- **health** matches **water**
- **safety** matches **roads**
- **property** matches **homes**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle speech, parks, and rules. Match health to water, safety to roads, and property to homes. Accept an oral explanation such as government helps keep drinking water clean; note whether the student needed a prompt.