Who Helps Here?

Read about governments and the people they serve

2.C.1.4 "Explain that local, state, national, and Tribal governments exist to represent the needs of the people, make and enforce laws, and help resolve conflicts."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one need people have, circle one rule or law, and draw a box around one way a government helps people follow a rule or settle a disagreement.

A River Town

1. In a town by a river, families ask for a safe place to play. The local government listens and makes a rule to keep bikes off a small play area. Town workers put up signs and help people follow the rule.

2. People in other towns also use the river. The state government listens to their needs and makes rules to keep the river clean. The national government makes laws to protect rivers across the country. Its workers help check that these laws are followed.

3. A Tribal government serves its own people. Near this river, it makes fishing rules for Tribal land and has officers who help people follow them. If people disagree about a fishing rule, Tribal leaders listen to both sides and help settle the problem.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How does the local government help families who want a safe place to play?

2. How do the state and national governments help people who use rivers?

3. How does the Tribal government help people follow a rule and settle a disagreement?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a problem at a town library. In two sentences, explain how the local government could make and help people follow a rule, then help settle a disagreement about it.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one need people have, circle one rule or law, and draw a box around one way a government helps people follow a rule or settle a disagreement. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does the local government help families who want a safe place to play?	**It listens to families and makes a rule to keep bikes off the play area. Town workers put up signs and help people follow the rule.**
2	How do the state and national governments help people who use rivers?	**The state makes rules to keep the river clean. The national government makes laws to protect rivers across the country, and its workers check that the laws are followed.**
3	How does the Tribal government help people follow a rule and settle a disagreement?	**Officers help people follow fishing rules. If people disagree about a rule, Tribal leaders listen to both sides and help settle the problem.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Town leaders could listen to library users and make a quiet-voices rule, and library staff could remind people to follow it. If people disagree about the rule, the leaders could hear both sides and help them find a fair plan.

For the marking job, accept any need, rule or law, and government action that fits the directions. For Your Turn, accept a realistic library problem and two sentences that explain making and following a rule and settling a disagreement.