Ways We Help

Read about choices and jobs that help a community.

2.C.1.8 "Explain how all people can play important and responsible roles in their community through making good choices, obeying laws, volunteering, and working in public service (e.g., law enforcement, fire and rescue, public education)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the choice that follows a law, circle what volunteers do, and draw a box around what the public service worker does to help people.

A Day at the Fair

1. On Saturday, Maya walks to the town fair with her uncle. At the corner, they obey a traffic law by waiting for the walk sign before crossing. This choice helps keep people safe. Maya also puts her snack wrapper in a trash can.

2. At the fair, neighbors volunteer to pick up litter near the playground. They give their time without pay. Maya joins them and carries a small bag. Their work makes the park cleaner for everyone who uses it.

3. Firefighter Lee shows families how to call for help in an emergency. This is part of a public service job. Maya sees that people can help in different ways: making safe choices, volunteering, or working to protect others.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why is waiting for the walk sign a responsible choice?

2. How do the volunteers help other people?

3. How does Firefighter Lee help families through public service?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a place in your community other than the fair. Write two sentences: tell one way you could volunteer there and explain how it would help others.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the choice that follows a law, circle what volunteers do, and draw a box around what the public service worker does to help people. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why is waiting for the walk sign a responsible choice?	**It follows a traffic law and helps keep people safe.**
2	How do the volunteers help other people?	**They pick up litter, making the park cleaner for everyone who uses it.**
3	How does Firefighter Lee help families through public service?	**Firefighter Lee shows families how to call for help in an emergency.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I could volunteer at a food pantry by packing bags with an adult. This would help neighbors bring food home.

Accept answers that connect a specific action from the passage to how it helps others. For Your Turn, accept a realistic volunteer action in a place other than the fair and an explanation of whom it helps.