Problems and Plans

How people and governments help their communities

2.P.1.1.C "Describe a range of local and state problems and how communities and local governments are trying to address them."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one sentence about a problem in each paragraph. Circle one action that helps with that problem.

Working Together

1. After lunch, wrappers blow across Pine Park. The litter can hurt animals and make the park messy. Neighbors meet on Saturdays to pick up trash. The town puts more trash cans near the picnic tables.

2. On rainy days, water covers the sidewalk by the school. Leaves block a drain, so the water cannot flow away. Families tell the town about the problem. Town workers clear the drain so people can walk safely.

3. Across the state, some towns have too little water during a long dry spell. The state gives towns money to fix leaky water pipes. People in many towns save water by turning off taps while brushing their teeth.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What problem does Pine Park have? How do neighbors and the town help?

2. What problem is by the school? How do families and town workers help?

3. What water problem affects towns across the state? How do the state and people help?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a different problem that could happen in your town or state. Write two sentences that tell the problem and how people and the town or state government could work to help.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one sentence about a problem in each paragraph. Circle one action that helps with that problem. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What problem does Pine Park have? How do neighbors and the town help?	**Litter blows across the park. Neighbors pick up trash, and the town puts out more trash cans.**
2	What problem is by the school? How do families and town workers help?	**Water covers the sidewalk because leaves block a drain. Families tell the town, and town workers clear the drain.**
3	What water problem affects towns across the state? How do the state and people help?	**Some towns have too little water. The state helps towns fix leaky pipes, and people save water by turning off taps.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Cars drive too fast near our library. Neighbors can ask the town for help, and town workers can add a sign that tells drivers to slow down.

For the questions, accept any actions stated in the matching paragraph. For Your Turn, accept a different, plausible problem and a way people and a local or state government could both help.