A Safer Crossing

How a town listens, votes, and makes a plan

2.P.1.1 "Demonstrate an understanding of the virtue of civil discourse to analyze and address real-world problems. Explain how people make decisions in a constitutional republic, using examples from their community and state..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words that show respectful listening, circle what more neighbors chose, and write 1 beside the neighbors' vote and 2 beside the council's vote.

A Light for the Library Road

1. Cars moved fast near the town library. Families wanted a safer way to cross the street. At a meeting, Mia said a painted crosswalk could help. Ben said cars might not see it well at night. They listened without interrupting.

2. The children asked neighbors about two ideas: a painted crosswalk or a flashing crossing light. Neighbors voted. More chose the light. The children wrote to the town council. They shared the vote and both ideas, even though people disagreed.

3. Town council members are chosen by voters to make town decisions. At a public meeting, the members heard the children and a street worker. The council voted to ask the state for help paying for a light on the state road.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How did Mia and Ben show respect when they had different ideas?

2. How did the neighbors choose an idea, and which idea did more neighbors choose?

3. Who voted on the town's next step, and what did they decide to do?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

A park path is covered in litter. Write two ideas to fix it, how neighbors could choose one fairly, and how they could share their choice with the town council. Tell how they could show respect if people disagree.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the words that show respectful listening, circle what more neighbors chose, and write 1 beside the neighbors' vote and 2 beside the council's vote. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Mia and Ben show respect when they had different ideas?	**They listened without interrupting.**
2	How did the neighbors choose an idea, and which idea did more neighbors choose?	**They voted, and more neighbors chose a flashing crossing light.**
3	Who voted on the town's next step, and what did they decide to do?	**The town council voted to ask the state for help paying for a light.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Neighbors could add trash cans or hold a park cleanup. They could listen to each idea without interrupting, then vote on which idea to try first. If more neighbors choose trash cans, they could write to the town council about the vote. The council could decide whether to add trash cans.

For the marking job, accept an underline under “They listened without interrupting,” a circle around “the light,” and numbers beside the two votes. For Your Turn, accept other practical ideas if the response includes a fair choice, respectful discussion, and a way to tell the town council.