Books, Roads, Trades

Public goods, services, and trade in one town

2.P.2.4.C "Describe examples of the goods and services that local and state governments provide, explaining why people trade."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two goods that governments provide and circle two services they provide. Put a number 1 beside the sentence that explains why people trade.

Mia's Busy Saturday

1. On Saturday, Mia visits the town library. The town government provides books that people can borrow. Books are goods, or things people can use. A librarian helps Mia find a book about frogs. Helping readers is a service.

2. On the way home, Mia sees a road sign on a state road. The state government puts up signs to help drivers. Road signs are goods. State workers also fix holes so travel is safer. Fixing roads is a service.

3. At a street market, Mia pays a farmer for apples. The farmer uses that money to buy bread from a baker. They trade because each can get something they need without making or growing it. Taxes help pay for public goods and services.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Name one good and one service the town government provides. How does each help people?

2. Name one good and one service the state government provides. How does each help people?

3. Why do Mia and the farmer trade at the market? Tell what each gets.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a place in your community other than a library, road, or market. In three sentences, name a good and a service a local or state government could provide there, explain how each helps people, and tell about a trade someone could make nearby and why.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.P.2.4.C

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two goods that governments provide and circle two services they provide. Put a number 1 beside the sentence that explains why people trade. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name one good and one service the town government provides. How does each help people?	**The town provides books for people to borrow. A librarian helps people find books.**
2	Name one good and one service the state government provides. How does each help people?	**The state puts up road signs to help drivers. State workers fix holes so travel is safer.**
3	Why do Mia and the farmer trade at the market? Tell what each gets.	**Mia gets apples she did not grow. The farmer gets money to buy bread he did not make.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At a public pool, the town could provide life jackets to help swimmers stay safer. Town workers could clean the pool so people can swim in clean water. Nearby, someone could buy a sandwich because the buyer wants lunch and the seller wants money.

Accept other accurate goods and services if students name the government that provides them and explain how they help. For the trade, accept a clear exchange with a reason for making it.