Who Provides What?

Government goods, services, and trade in one community

3.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 the goods and circle the services provided by the town and state governments. Write 1 by what the town gives in a trade and 2 by what the town gets.

Lena Looks Around Town

1. On Saturday, Lena visits the town playground. New benches give families a place to sit. The town government bought the benches from a local shop and put them near the swings. The town also pays workers to collect trash from public bins. Benches are goods, or things people can use. Trash collection is a service, or work done for people.

2. On the way home, Lena sees workers fixing a state highway. The state government pays for this work so people can travel on a safer road. It also puts up road signs that show drivers where to turn. The signs are goods that people can see and use. Fixing the highway is a service that takes workers, tools, and time.

3. Why did the town buy benches from a shop instead of making them? The shop has people and tools to build benches. The town pays the shop, and the town gets benches for the playground. This is trade: each side gives something to get something it wants or needs. People trade because they cannot make or do everything they need by themselves.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Name one good the town government provides. How does it help people?

2. Name one service the town government provides. Why is it a service instead of a good?

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

4. Why does the town trade with the shop for benches? What does each side get?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

In three sentences, describe a new good or service your town government could provide, a trade it could make to get it, and why each side would want that trade. Do not use an example from the passage.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.P.2.4.C

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the goods and circle the services provided by the town and state governments. Write 1 by what the town gives in a trade and 2 by what the town gets. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name one good the town government provides. How does it help people?	**The town provides benches. They give families a place to sit.**
2	Name one service the town government provides. Why is it a service instead of a good?	**Trash collection is a service because workers do a job for people.**
3	Name one good and one service the state government provides. How does the service help people?	**The state provides road signs and highway repair. Repairing the highway helps people travel on a safer road.**
4	Why does the town trade with the shop for benches? What does each side get?	**The shop has the people and tools to make benches, so the town does not need to make them. The town gets benches, and the shop gets money.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The town could put a shelter at the bus stop to keep riders dry. It could pay a builder to make the shelter. The town would get a shelter for riders, and the builder would get money for the work.

Accept accurate descriptions in the student's own words. For Your Turn, look for a new government good or service and a trade that benefits both sides.