Rights in Action

Find Bill of Rights protections in everyday situations.

5.C.6.2.B "Identify contemporary examples of rights, liberties, and due process protections guaranteed by the Bill of Rights."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each action or situation that shows a Bill of Rights protection. Circle the name of the protection that goes with it.

A Day in the Neighborhood

1. On Tuesday, Maya visits a city council meeting to speak against a plan to close a playground. Her neighbor sends the council a letter asking it to keep the playground open. The Bill of Rights protects freedom of speech and the right to petition the government. Across town, a family chooses to worship at a mosque. Freedom of religion protects their choice from government interference.

2. That evening, a police officer wants to search Maya's neighbor's home for stolen bikes. The Fourth Amendment protects people against unreasonable searches. Usually, an officer needs a warrant from a judge before searching a home. The warrant must be based on probable cause, a good reason supported by facts. This protection helps keep the government from entering homes whenever it wants.

3. Later, a different neighbor is accused of stealing a bike. An accusation is not a conviction. Due process means the government must follow fair legal steps before taking away a person's freedom. The neighbor must be told the charge and have a chance to defend against it. In a criminal case, the Sixth Amendment also gives the accused person the right to a lawyer.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which protection applies when Maya speaks at the meeting? Which one applies when her neighbor sends the council a letter?

2. Which protection applies to the family worshiping at a mosque? What does it protect them from?

3. Which protection applies when the officer wants to search a home? What does the officer usually need first?

4. Which two protections help the neighbor accused of stealing a bike? Tell what each one does.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Invent a present-day situation different from those in the passage. In two or three sentences, name one Bill of Rights protection from the passage and explain how a government official should respect it.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 5 · 5.C.6.2.B

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each action or situation that shows a Bill of Rights protection. Circle the name of the protection that goes with it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which protection applies when Maya speaks at the meeting? Which one applies when her neighbor sends the council a letter?	**Maya's speech shows freedom of speech. The letter asking the council to act shows the right to petition the government.**
2	Which protection applies to the family worshiping at a mosque? What does it protect them from?	**Freedom of religion protects their choice from government interference.**
3	Which protection applies when the officer wants to search a home? What does the officer usually need first?	**The Fourth Amendment protects against unreasonable searches. The officer usually needs a warrant from a judge.**
4	Which two protections help the neighbor accused of stealing a bike? Tell what each one does.	**Due process requires fair legal steps, including telling the neighbor the charge and giving them a chance to defend against it. The Sixth Amendment gives the accused person the right to a lawyer in a criminal case.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A family posts a video criticizing a new parking rule. Freedom of speech means the mayor cannot punish them just for sharing that opinion.

Accept accurate examples that name a protection from the passage and explain how it limits government action. For home searches, accept answers that say a warrant is usually needed, not always needed.