

Helping Our Town

Read how government helps a community work well.

2.8 "Government. The student understands the purpose of governments. The student is expected to: identify functions of governments such as establishing order, providing security, and managing conflict..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words that tell what government does, and circle the names of community services. Your marks will show ways government helps people.

A Town That Works Together

- ① In Maple Town, the city government helps people live together safely. Rules tell drivers to stop at red lights and keep sidewalks clear. These rules establish order, so people know what to do in shared places.
- ② Police officers provide security by helping protect people and responding when someone needs help. If two neighbors disagree about a loud dog, a city rule or worker can help manage the conflict fairly.
- ③ Community services meet important needs. Firefighters respond to fires, police protect people, libraries offer books and learning, schools teach children, and parks give families a place to play. These services make the community safer, smarter, and healthier.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What do the rules about red lights and clear sidewalks help establish?

2 How can government help two neighbors who disagree about a loud dog?

3 Name two community services from the passage. Tell how each one helps the community.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences about your community. Name one government service and how it helps, then tell one rule or fair way government could help solve a problem.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline words that tell what government does, and circle the names of community services. Your marks will show ways government helps people. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What do the rules about red lights and clear sidewalks help establish?	They help establish order.
2	How can government help two neighbors who disagree about a loud dog?	A city rule or worker can help manage the conflict fairly.
3	Name two community services from the passage. Tell how each one helps the community.	Answers may include firefighters responding to fires, police protecting people, libraries offering books and learning, schools teaching children, or parks giving families a place to play.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A public library helps our community because people can borrow books and learn new things. A rule about taking turns on the playground can help solve an argument fairly.

Accept any accurate government service and a reasonable value it provides. The second sentence should describe a rule or fair action that establishes order or helps manage a conflict.