

Helping Our City

Learn how citizens can take part in local government.

2.9.D "identify how citizens participate in their own governance through staying informed of what public officials are doing, providing input to them, and volunteering to participate in government functions."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number the passage: write 1 by a way Maya learns about officials' plans, 2 by a way she shares an idea, and 3 by a way she volunteers.

Maya Takes Part

- ① On Tuesday, Maya's class heard that the city council would discuss a new crosswalk near their school. Maya asked her dad to read the city website with her. They learned when the meeting would happen and what the council planned to discuss.
- ② Maya could not vote, but she could share an idea. With her dad, she wrote a short message to the council. She said that a crosswalk light could help children cross safely. Her dad sent the message to the council office.
- ③ Later, the city asked for volunteers to hand out meeting flyers at the library. Maya and her dad helped for one hour. They gave people information about the meeting. Volunteering helped the city office share news with neighbors.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What did Maya do to learn about the council's plans?

2 What idea did Maya share with the city council?

3 How did Maya volunteer, and how did her help support the city office?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose a town issue, such as a safer sidewalk or a park rule. Write three sentences that tell how you would stay informed, share an idea with an official, and volunteer to help.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Number the passage: write 1 by a way Maya learns about officials' plans, 2 by a way she shares an idea, and 3 by a way she volunteers. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did Maya do to learn about the council's plans?	She read the city website with her dad.
2	What idea did Maya share with the city council?	She said a crosswalk light could help children cross safely.
3	How did Maya volunteer, and how did her help support the city office?	She handed out meeting flyers at the library. This helped the city office share meeting news with neighbors.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I want a safer sidewalk near my park. I would read the city website and send the mayor a note about the sidewalk. I would help hand out city meeting flyers at the library.

Accept equivalent answers that identify reading or learning official information, giving an idea to an official, and helping with a government task. For the open response, accept realistic local issues and three clear ways to participate.