

Who Serves Us?

Sort government services by the level that provides them.

3.7.C “identify services commonly provided by local, state, and national governments.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each government service named in the passage. Write L, S, or N above it to show whether it is provided by local, state, or national government.

Services at Three Levels

- ① Local governments work closest to where people live. A city or county may collect trash, care for neighborhood parks, and send firefighters when there is a fire. The town library lends books and offers programs. People can call city hall when a broken streetlight needs attention. These services help daily life in one city or county area.
- ② State governments serve everyone in a state. They make and repair many state highways, run state parks, and issue driver's licenses. A state health department may check restaurants or share information during an illness outbreak. These services connect communities and protect people across the whole state, even when they live far apart from one another.
- ③ The national government serves the entire United States. It delivers mail through the Postal Service, prints money, and helps defend the country with the armed forces. National agencies also study weather and warn people about dangerous storms. These services are important to people in every state, not just one town, state, or region of the country.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

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Name two services that a local government may provide.

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Which level of government issues driver's licenses?

3

What national service helps people learn about dangerous storms?

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How are national services different from local services?

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YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose three government services that are not named in the passage. Add one local, one state, and one national service to the table, then tell how each service helps people.

GOVERNMENT LEVEL	SERVICE	HOW IT HELPS PEOPLE

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each government service named in the passage. Write L, S, or N above it to show whether it is provided by local, state, or national government. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name two services that a local government may provide.	Answers may include collecting trash, caring for neighborhood parks, sending firefighters, lending library books, offering library programs, or responding to a broken streetlight.
2	Which level of government issues driver's licenses?	State government.
3	What national service helps people learn about dangerous storms?	National agencies study weather and warn people about dangerous storms.
4	How are national services different from local services?	National services serve people across the entire United States or in every state. Local services help people in one city or county area.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

GOVERNMENT LEVEL	SERVICE	HOW IT HELPS PEOPLE
Local	Repairing a town sidewalk	Makes walking safer nearby.
State	Running state courts	Helps settle legal cases across the state.
National	Issuing passports	Lets citizens travel to other countries.

Accept any accurate service matched to the correct government level. Local examples may vary by community, but the student should show that local services help a community, state services serve a state, and national services serve the country.