

City Decisions

Use precise terms to explain how a local government acts.

5.25.A “use social studies terminology correctly;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each of the six **bold** social studies terms. Write the numbers 1 through 6 beside them in the order they appear.

A Safer Walk to School

- ① In Riverbend, the **City Council** is the group that makes laws for the city. Council members are **representatives**, people chosen by voters to speak and decide for the community. At a monthly meeting, the council discussed safer crossings near Lincoln School. Residents could listen, but the council members would vote on the proposal. Their decision would affect streets used each day by families and bus drivers.
- ② Before voting, the council held a **public hearing**, a meeting where community members may share views about a proposed action. Maya, a fifth grader, explained that cars moved quickly near the school. After hearing speakers, the council approved an **ordinance**, which is a local law. The ordinance set a lower speed limit on two streets. Police officers would enforce the new rule.
- ③ The council also prepared its yearly **budget**, a plan for how the city will collect and spend money. The budget included money for crossing signs and road repairs. Some city money comes from **taxes**, payments people and businesses make to support public services. Using these terms correctly helps residents understand how decisions shape their community every day.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 A newspaper says that a group makes laws for Riverbend. Which bold term should the newspaper use?

2 A report says that people were chosen by voters to speak for their neighbors. Which bold term fits this description?

3 Which bold term should you use for a meeting where residents share views before a decision is made?

4 Write the correct bold term for each meaning: a local law, a money plan, and payments that support public services.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly three sentences about a made-up decision in a city. Use at least three social studies terms from the passage correctly, and underline each term you use.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each of the six **bold** social studies terms. Write the numbers 1 through 6 beside them in the order they appear. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	A newspaper says that a group makes laws for Riverbend. Which bold term should the newspaper use?	City Council
2	A report says that people were chosen by voters to speak for their neighbors. Which bold term fits this description?	representatives
3	Which bold term should you use for a meeting where residents share views before a decision is made?	public hearing
4	Write the correct bold term for each meaning: a local law, a money plan, and payments that support public services.	ordinance; budget; taxes

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The Pine Grove City Council held a public hearing about a new park. Representatives listened to residents before voting on the ordinance. The budget used taxes to pay for playground equipment.

Accept the six bold terms as written, with minor differences in capitalization. For Part 3, accept any plausible city decision if at least three terms are used accurately and the response has exactly three sentences.