

Culture in Motion

Trace how new connections, travel, and jobs can shape community life.

6.15.B “identify and describe factors that influence cultural change such as improvements in communication, transportation, and economic development;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each improvement in communication, transportation, or economic development, then circle the cultural effect it caused and label the pair C, T, or E.

Changes in Arroyo Verde

- ① In 1995, many families in the mountain town of Arroyo Verde shared news in person, by letter, or through a weekly radio program. Young people often spent evenings at the town plaza, where musicians played local songs and neighbors told stories. A new cell phone tower changed how people communicated. Residents could call relatives who had moved away and learn news quickly. Some families began sending voice messages in both Spanish and an Indigenous language, keeping contact with older relatives who lived far from town.
- ② Later, a paved road linked Arroyo Verde to a nearby city. A bus began running each day, so residents could travel to city markets, schools, and health clinics more easily. The road also brought visitors to the town's annual harvest festival. Vendors started selling foods from other regions, and some musicians mixed new instruments with local music. Because more people arrived by bus, the festival added daytime performances for visitors, while residents continued the evening storytelling tradition.
- ③ Economic development created another influence. After a cooperative opened a small coffee-processing center, it hired local workers and paid growers more regularly. Some young adults chose to stay in Arroyo Verde rather than leave to find work. With new income, families bought school supplies and festival clothing from city stores. At the same time, the cooperative asked workers to schedule shifts around important community celebrations. The town's culture changed as work choices, shopping habits, and festival schedules adjusted, but residents also protected valued traditions.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What improvement in communication occurred in Arroyo Verde? Describe two ways it affected community life.

2 How did the paved road and daily bus influence the harvest festival? Give two details.

3 Identify the economic development described in the passage. How did it influence where some young adults lived?

4 How did residents protect a cultural tradition while transportation and work schedules changed?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Imagine a coastal community receives reliable internet service. Write three sentences that identify this factor of change and describe two ways it could change the community's culture.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each improvement in communication, transportation, or economic development, then circle the cultural effect it caused and label the pair C, T, or E. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What improvement in communication occurred in Arroyo Verde? Describe two ways it affected community life.	A cell phone tower was built. Residents could call relatives who had moved away, learn news quickly, and send voice messages in Spanish and an Indigenous language.
2	How did the paved road and daily bus influence the harvest festival? Give two details.	The road brought visitors to the festival. Vendors sold foods from other regions, musicians used new instruments with local music, and the festival added daytime performances.
3	Identify the economic development described in the passage. How did it influence where some young adults lived?	A cooperative opened a coffee-processing center that hired workers and paid growers more regularly. Some young adults stayed in Arroyo Verde instead of leaving to find work.
4	How did residents protect a cultural tradition while transportation and work schedules changed?	Residents continued the evening storytelling tradition. The cooperative also scheduled shifts around important community celebrations.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Reliable internet service is an improvement in communication. Fishers could sell catches online, and students could video-call relatives who live elsewhere. Local artists might share songs online, while community leaders plan in-person events so neighbors still gather.

Accept other accurate descriptions of how communication, transportation, or economic development can influence traditions, language use, work, shopping, gatherings, or community connections. Student responses should clearly name a factor and connect it to two plausible cultural changes.