

Five Freedoms

Read closely to identify First Amendment rights.

3.1.b “describing the rights guaranteed to citizens in the First Amendment;”

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words that name a First Amendment freedom. Number each different freedom from 1 to 5.

Rights for Sharing Ideas

- ① The First Amendment is part of the Bill of Rights in the U.S. Constitution. It protects important freedoms for citizens. One freedom is religion. People may choose a religion or choose not to follow a religion. The government may not make people follow one religion. These rights help people make personal choices about their beliefs.
- ② The amendment also protects freedom of speech and freedom of the press. Speech lets people share their ideas and opinions. The press includes newspapers, books, and other news sources. A person can write an opinion in a newspaper, even when leaders disagree with it. These freedoms let people share information and speak about problems in their community.
- ③ Two more freedoms are assembly and petition. Assembly means people can gather peacefully for a reason, such as holding a meeting. Petition means people can ask the government to change something or solve a problem. For example, neighbors may sign a letter asking the city to repair a broken sidewalk. The First Amendment protects peaceful ways to share ideas and requests.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which First Amendment freedom protects a person's choice about religion?

2 What two freedoms help people share ideas, opinions, and information?

3 What can people do when they use freedom of assembly?

4 How are the neighbors in the passage using the freedom of petition?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two sentences. Name one First Amendment freedom and describe a peaceful way you could use it to share an idea, belief, or request.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the words that name a First Amendment freedom. Number each different freedom from 1 to 5. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which First Amendment freedom protects a person's choice about religion?	Freedom of religion.
2	What two freedoms help people share ideas, opinions, and information?	Freedom of speech and freedom of the press.
3	What can people do when they use freedom of assembly?	They can gather peacefully for a reason, such as holding a meeting.
4	How are the neighbors in the passage using the freedom of petition?	They are asking the city government to repair a broken sidewalk.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would use freedom of petition by writing a letter asking the city to add a crosswalk near my school. This right lets me peacefully ask the government to solve a problem.

Accept any correctly named First Amendment freedom and a realistic, peaceful example of using it. The student's example should match the right named.