

Laws Around Maya

Notice how laws at different levels guide everyday choices.

3.1.d “respecting and following local, state, and federal laws;”

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each part of the passage that states what a law requires or protects. This will help you notice how people can follow local, state, and federal laws.

A Bike Ride With Laws

- ① On Saturday, Maya rode her bike to the Pine Grove library. At the busy downtown blocks, a local town law required riders to walk their bikes on the sidewalk. This law helped protect people who were walking. Maya got off her bike and walked it until she reached the bike rack. Local laws are made for a city, town, or county.
- ② At the library, Maya saw a poster about a state law. In her state, children younger than 16 must wear a helmet when riding a bicycle on a public road. The law applies across the whole state, not only in Pine Grove. Maya put on her helmet before riding home. State laws are made by the state government.
- ③ Later, Maya's class discussed federal laws, which are made by the national government. One federal law requires people to pay federal income tax when they owe it. This law can apply to people in every state. Laws may have details or exceptions, so people should learn when a law applies to them. Following laws helps protect people and keeps communities orderly.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What did the local town law require bike riders to do in the downtown blocks?

2 How did Maya follow the state law before riding home?

3 Where did the state law apply, and how was that different from the local town law?

4 According to the passage, when should a person follow a federal law, such as the income-tax law?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences about a place you visit. In the first sentence, name a local, state, or federal law that could apply there. In the second sentence, tell how you would follow that law.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each part of the passage that states what a law requires or protects. This will help you notice how people can follow local, state, and federal laws. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did the local town law require bike riders to do in the downtown blocks?	They had to walk their bikes on the sidewalk.
2	How did Maya follow the state law before riding home?	She put on her helmet.
3	Where did the state law apply, and how was that different from the local town law?	The state law applied across the whole state. The local law was for Pine Grove, a town.
4	According to the passage, when should a person follow a federal law, such as the income-tax law?	A person should learn whether the law applies to them and follow it when it does. The income-tax law applies when a person owes federal income tax.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At a park, a local law could require dogs to stay on leashes. If I brought my dog there, I would use a leash to help people feel safe.

Accept Question 4 answers that say people should learn whether a law applies and follow it when it does. For Your Turn, accept a reasonable law at a named place and an action that follows it.