

Where Taxes Go

Read how local, state, and federal taxes support shared services.

3.1.h “paying local, state, and federal taxes;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB As you read, number each mention of a tax level: 1 for local, 2 for state, and 3 for federal. Underline the shared services that tax money can help pay for.

Taxes at Work

- ① On Saturday, Maya bought a notebook at a shop in her town. The price on the shelf was not the final price. At the register, a sales tax was added. Sales tax is often a state tax, and some towns or counties add a local sales tax, too. The store sends the tax money to the government.
- ② Local governments use tax money for nearby needs, such as libraries, parks, fire departments, and roads. State governments use state tax money for things that serve people across the state, including state parks and some schools. The exact services can differ from place to place. Taxes help pay for shared services that many people use together.
- ③ Federal taxes are collected by the national government. Many adults pay federal income tax from money they earn at jobs. Federal tax money can help pay for services used across the country, such as national parks, the military, and aid after some disasters. People may pay more than one kind of tax. Paying taxes is one way people help support their community, state, and country.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

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At the shop, which two levels of government may receive sales tax?

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Name two nearby services that local tax money can help pay for.

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How do many adults pay federal income tax?

4

Name two services that federal tax money can help pay for across the country.

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YOUR TURN

Your own words

Create a tax plan for an imaginary family. Fill in one row for each tax level, telling how the family might pay that tax and one shared service the money can help support.

TAX LEVEL	HOW THE FAMILY PAYS	SHARED SERVICE IT CAN HELP SUPPORT

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

As you read, number each mention of a tax level: 1 for local, 2 for state, and 3 for federal. Underline the shared services that tax money can help pay for. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	At the shop, which two levels of government may receive sales tax?	The state government and a local town or county government.
2	Name two nearby services that local tax money can help pay for.	Answers include libraries, parks, fire departments, and roads.
3	How do many adults pay federal income tax?	They pay it from money they earn at jobs.
4	Name two services that federal tax money can help pay for across the country.	Answers include national parks, the military, and aid after some disasters.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

TAX LEVEL	HOW THE FAMILY PAYS	SHARED SERVICE IT CAN HELP SUPPORT
Local	A local sales tax is added when the family buys a notebook.	Fire department
State	A state sales tax is added when the family buys shoes.	State park
Federal	The adults pay federal income tax from money earned at jobs.	National park

Accept any accurate local, state, or federal tax example and a service that matches the correct level described in the passage. In the open response, local services should be nearby, state services should serve people across the state, and federal services should serve the country.