

Who Helps Where?

Read how government jobs fit national, state, and local needs.

3.9.d “explaining what governments do at the national, state, and local levels; and”

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each job a government does. Write N, S, or L beside each underlined job to show whether the national, state, or local government does it.

Government Jobs at Three Levels

- ① Government is a group of people who make rules and provide services for a community. In the United States, government works at three levels. The national government handles jobs for the whole country. It prints money, delivers mail, and helps protect the nation. These jobs need one plan that reaches every state and keeps the country connected.
- ② State governments serve people in one state. They can issue driver's licenses, set rules for state roads, and help run state parks. A state government may also make rules for schools in its state. These choices can fit the needs of people who live in that particular state. For example, mountain roads and beach roads may need different rules.
- ③ Local governments work closest to where people live. A city, town, or county government may collect trash, care for neighborhood parks, and provide police and fire services. Local leaders listen to community needs, such as fixing a broken streetlight. Even when levels work on different jobs, they can work together to help people in safe ways.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which level of government handles jobs that reach every state? Name one job from the passage.

2 Why might rules for roads be a state government job?

3 A broken streetlight needs fixing. Which level of government would listen to this need?

4 Name one national job and one local job. How are the areas these governments serve different?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Plan services for a new community. In the table, write one job for each government level and tell why that level fits. Choose jobs that are not named in the passage.

GOVERNMENT LEVEL	ONE JOB	WHY THIS LEVEL FITS

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each job a government does. Write N, S, or L beside each underlined job to show whether the national, state, or local government does it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which level of government handles jobs that reach every state? Name one job from the passage.	The national government. It prints money, delivers mail, or helps protect the nation.
2	Why might rules for roads be a state government job?	Different states can have different needs. For example, mountain roads and beach roads may need different rules.
3	A broken streetlight needs fixing. Which level of government would listen to this need?	The local government, because local leaders listen to community needs.
4	Name one national job and one local job. How are the areas these governments serve different?	Answers may include that the national government delivers mail for the whole country, while a local government collects trash close to where people live. National government serves the whole country, and local government serves a city, town, or county.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

GOVERNMENT LEVEL	ONE JOB	WHY THIS LEVEL FITS
National government	Make treaties with other countries	This job affects the whole country.
State government	Inspect food businesses	This can be managed across one state.
Local government	Run a public library	This service helps people in one community.

Accept passage-based explanations that correctly connect national government to the whole country, state government to one state, and local government to a nearby community. For the table, accept accurate government jobs not named in the passage and reasonable explanations of the level chosen.