

Town Helper Tales

Students identify community roles, a historic event, and people who help a town grow.

K.5 "The student will apply history and social science skills to understand and explain what makes communities unique by explaining the roles of important local community members, such as, but not limited to medical personnel, first responders..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 TOWN HELPERS

a	Nurse	Teacher	Shopowner
b	Firefighter	Teacher	Nurse
c	Firefighter	Shopowner	Nurse

2 TOWN STORIES

a	Lunch	Nap	Founding
b	Shopowner	Teacher	Nurse
c	Shopowner	Mayor	Teacher

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each question and all of the large words aloud before students circle one answer. Students show that they can connect community members to their jobs, recognize an important event in a town's history, and talk about people who help develop a community. Invite students to connect the last part to people and places in your local community.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • TOWN HELPERS

SAY “Listen to each short town problem and the words in its row. Circle the word that names the helper who fits. After each circle, tell a partner how that helper can help the town.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Which helper works at a school and teaches children: nurse, teacher, or shopowner? Circle the helper.	Teacher
b	Smoke is coming from a building. Which first responder can help: firefighter, teacher, or nurse? Circle the helper.	Firefighter
c	A child is sick at a health clinic. Which medical helper can care for the child: firefighter, shopowner, or nurse? Circle the helper.	Nurse

PART 2 • TOWN STORIES

SAY “A town has a history of important events and people who help it grow. Listen to each question and the words in its row, then circle one answer. After the last row, tell a partner a short story about a person who helps your community.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Which word names an important event when a town first begins: lunch, nap, or founding? Circle the event.	Founding
b	Which person can open a store so neighbors can buy things: shopowner, teacher, or nurse? Circle the person.	Shopowner
c	Which word names a town leader who can help plan a new park: shopowner, mayor, or teacher? Circle the leader.	Mayor

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Town Helpers answers are Teacher, Firefighter, and Nurse. Town Stories answers are Founding, Shopowner, and Mayor; accept oral partner stories that name a real or reasonable community helper and describe how the person helps.