Informational Vocabulary

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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People Who Help Our Town

A community is a place where people live, work, and play together. Your town is a community. Many people help it run well.

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How does a person become mayor? Citizens vote for one. To vote means to choose by marking a ballot. A ballot is a paper or screen that lists each person who wants the job. The person with the most votes wins.

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When citizens, leaders, and volunteers work together, a community becomes a better place for everyone.

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   - a building where town leaders meet
   - a place where people live and work together

2. In paragraph 2, what are 'laws'?
   - papers that people vote on
   - jobs that people are paid for
   - rules that people follow

3. Which phrase from the text tells what a 'mayor' is?
   - plan new parks and fix roads
   - meets with other leaders
   - the leader of a town or city

4. In paragraph 4, what does 'vote' mean?

to choose by marking a ballot

to read a list out loud

to plan a new park or road

5. What is a 'ballot'?

a map of the roads in town

a sign that shows the town's laws

a list of people to choose from

6. Which word from the text means 'a person who works for free to help others'?

volunteer mayor citizen

7. Which phrase tells you that a volunteer is not paid?

works for free pick up trash in parks read to children

8. In paragraph 2, what does 'citizen' mean?

a person who fixes the roads

a person who leads a city

a person who belongs to a country

9. In paragraph 1, many people help the town 'run well.' What does 'run' mean here?

work the right way move fast on your feet flow like water

10. In paragraph 5, what does 'unpaid' mean?

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