Local Government

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet - Challenge Me

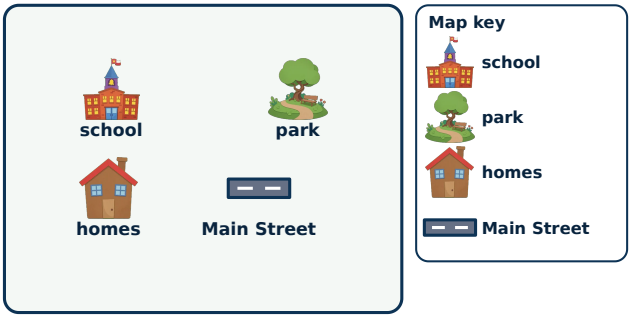
Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

1. Why do local governments collect taxes?
   to pay families' grocery bills
   to buy toys for the town's children
   to pay for shared services like roads and parks
   to pay for each family's own house

2. The police and the fire department are both local services. What do they share?
   Both help keep people safe.
   Both fix broken streets.
   Both care for park trees.
   Both make school rules.

3. Look at the map. Main Street has a pothole, and a park swing is broken. Which two departments are needed?



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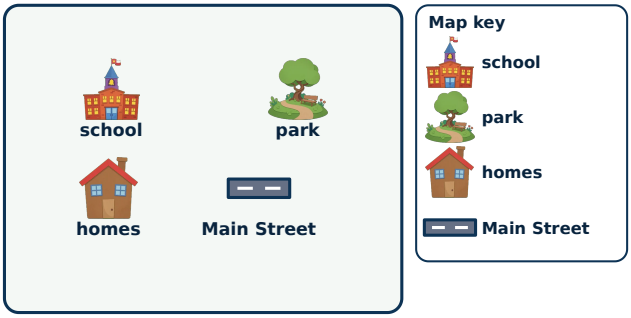
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   which children may play there
   how to pay for it in the budget
   what color to paint the slide
   which family will own it

5. The mayor and the city council both work for the city. How are their jobs different?
   The mayor fixes roads; the council fights fires.
   The mayor runs schools; the council runs parks.
   The mayor leads; the council votes on rules.
   The mayor votes on rules; the council leads.

6. The library wants to open on Sundays. It needs money to pay workers. Who must approve the money?
   the head librarian the parks department the city council the school board

7. Why is fixing a pothole a job for local government, not one family?
Potholes only happen near schools.
Families are not allowed to drive.
The country owns every street.
Everyone in town shares the street.

8. Look at the map. Many children cross Main Street to walk from the homes to the school. What would the city most likely do?



move the school next to the park
paint a crosswalk and add a crossing guard
close the park on school days
build new homes beside the school

9. Which decision would the school board make, not the city council?
setting the speed limit on Main Street
deciding the library's hours
planning a new town park
choosing the first day of school

10. Which decision would the city council make, not the school board?
choosing books for classrooms
hiring a new school principal
voting on money for a new park
planning the school lunch menu

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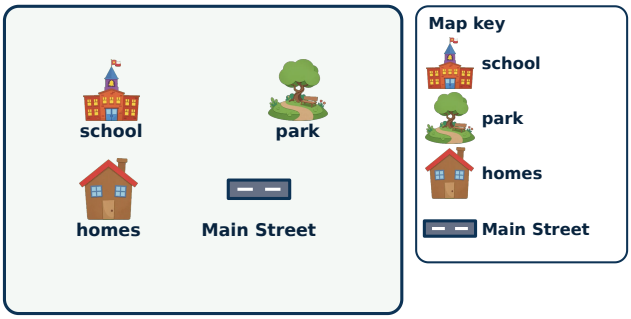
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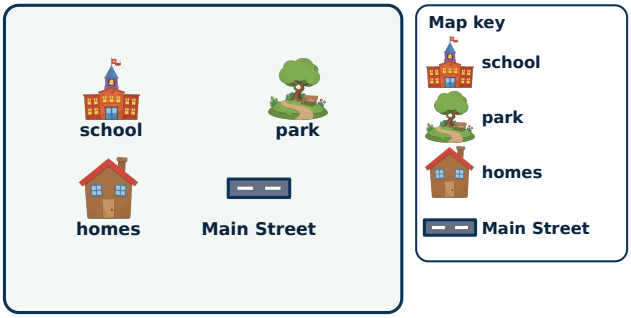
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