Local Government

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet - Challenge Me

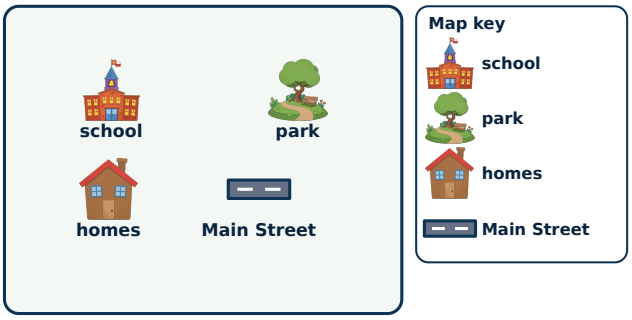
Name _____ Date _____

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   the city council the school board the parks department the head librarian

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   Families are not allowed to drive.
   The country owns every street.
   Everyone in town shares the street.
   Potholes only happen near schools.

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



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

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

5. Which decision would the city council make, not the school board?
   voting on money for a new park
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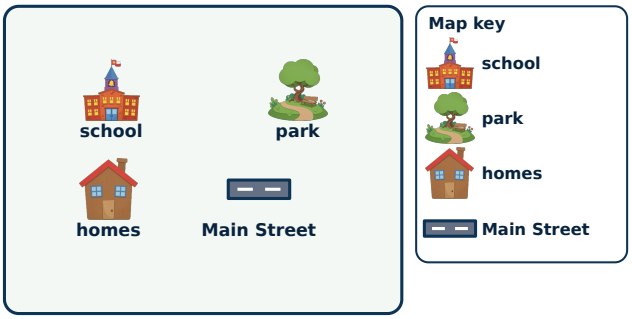
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7. Neighbors want a dog park. What is the best first step?
call the fire department
speak at a city council meeting
ask the school board to vote
build a fence in the park themselves

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

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

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



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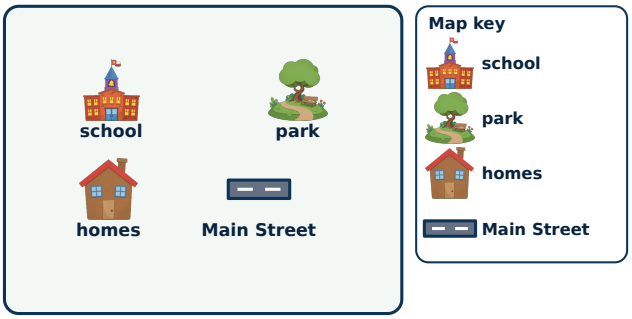
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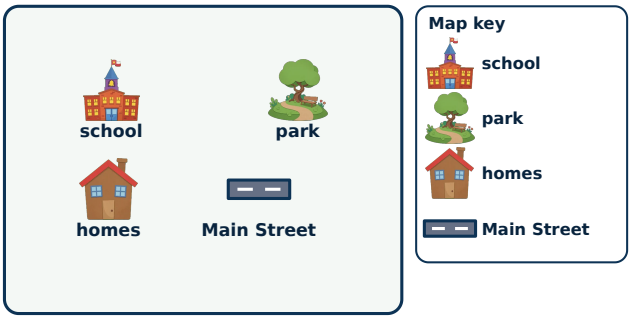
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