Local Government

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet - Challenge Me

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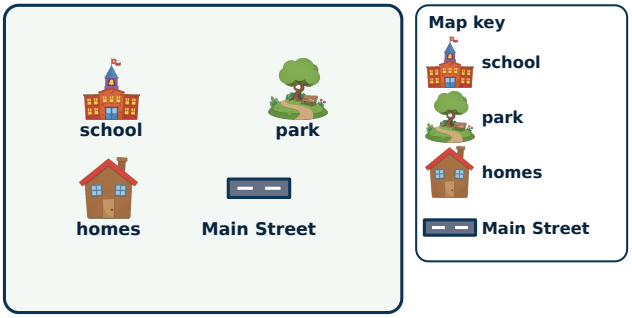
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   public works and the fire department
   the city council and the library
   the school board and the library
   the parks department and the school board

2. Neighbors want a dog park. What is the best first step?
   build a fence in the park themselves
   call the fire department
   speak at a city council meeting
   ask the school board to vote

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

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

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



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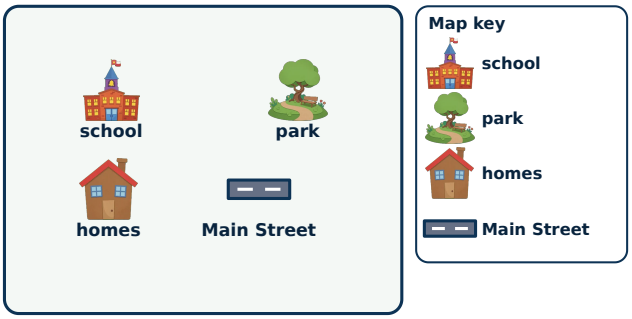
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   which family will own it
   how to pay for it in the budget
   what color to paint the slide
   which children may play there

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

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

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

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



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

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Answer Key - Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet - Challenge Me

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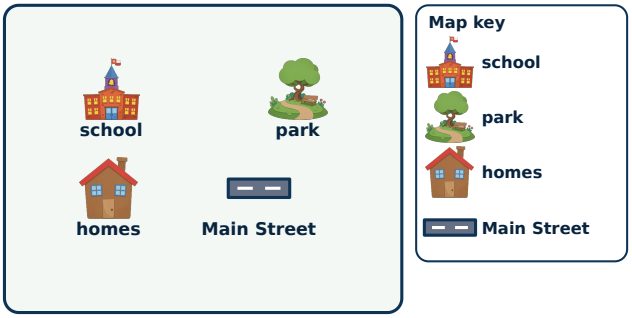
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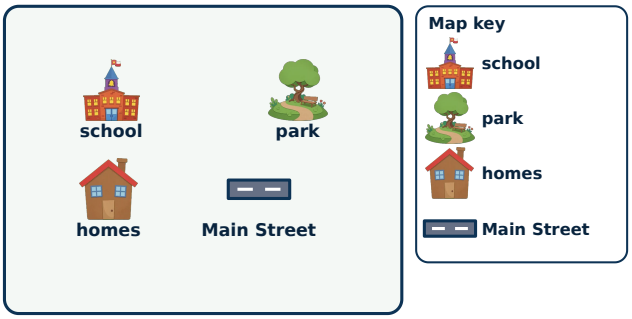
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