Local Government

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet - Challenge Me

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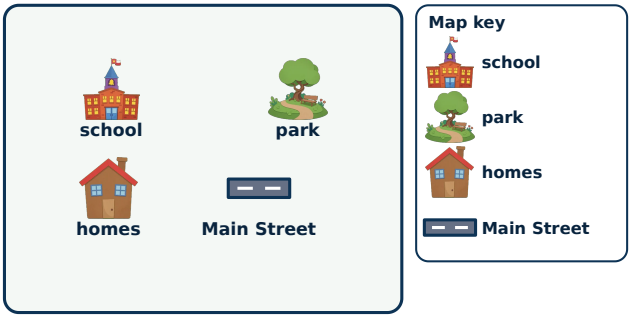
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   which family will own it
   how to pay for it in the budget
   which children may play there
   what color to paint the slide

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

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

4. 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.

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



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

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

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

8. A storm knocks trees across the roads. Which two groups would most likely help first?
public works and the fire department
the city council and the library
the parks department and the school board
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9. Neighbors want a dog park. What is the best first step?
speak at a city council meeting
call the fire department
ask the school board to vote
build a fence in the park themselves

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

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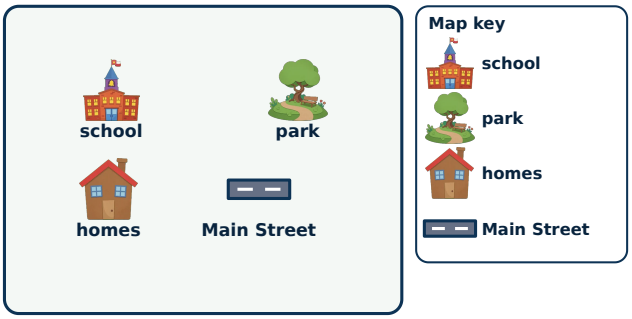
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