

**Narrative
Nonfiction**



CITY **Communities**

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STRATEGIES & SKILLS

Comprehension

Strategy: Ask and Answer Questions

Skill: Author's Purpose

Vocabulary

across, borrow, countryside, idea, insists, lonely, solution, villages

Phonics

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Content Standards

Social Studies

Civics/Government

Vocabulary Strategy

Synonyms

Word count: 357**

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**The total word count is based on words in the running text and headings only. Numerals and words in captions, labels, diagrams, charts, and sidebars are not included.



Genre Narrative Nonfiction



Essential Question

How can people help out their community?



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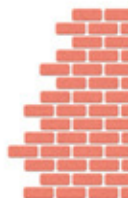
Where Are They Moving?

The Sanchez family is moving to the city. Neighbors helped pack their car.



The Sanchez family is moving from the country to the city.

The family drives through the countryside. They pass towns. Soon they see tall buildings. They are almost there!



The Sanchez family uses a map their friends gave them.



STOP AND CHECK

How did the neighbors help the Sanchez family move to the city?

Who Helps in Cities?



In cities, many people live in apartments that have a doorman.

Many people live in cities. Some live in apartment buildings. Managers are people in charge. They help the people who live in these buildings.



City streets are filled with cars, buses, and taxis.

People in cities walk places. They also take subways, buses, and taxis. There are many ways to travel around the city.



Some communities try to welcome all new neighbors.

Mrs. Jones walks her new neighbor to the library. The librarian helps the neighbor. She finds a book to borrow.

STOP AND CHECK

How do city workers help people get around?



Crossing guards wear bright vests so drivers see them.

Children need to walk to school safely. Crossing guards help them. Subway workers help people. They show them the best routes, or paths.

What's Fun in Cities?



Children in the city play outside on playgrounds.

The Trent family moved to the city last week. Billy Trent makes a new friend. He takes Billy to a playground.

Families can do many things for fun in cities. They can go to a park.



Playing sports is a great way to meet people in a new city.



People can visit museums.
They will see many interesting
exhibits, or displays.



A museum worker gave this family a
map to use to find their way around.



People at this block party are raising money to keep their block safe.

At block parties, neighbors spend time together. They raise money. That will help their neighborhood.

STOP AND CHECK

What can people do to have fun in cities?

How Do People Give Back?

The Lee family wants to give back to their city.

Mrs. Lee runs races. She raises money to help people.



Some races are many miles long.



**Community gardens may grow flowers
or food to eat.**

**Mr. Lee offers free help. He
helps in the park's gardens.**

**The Lee kids have a great
idea! They will help out in
the library.**



Let's meet the Smith family.
They just moved to the city
today.

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Who might help this family?
What things might people do
to help them?

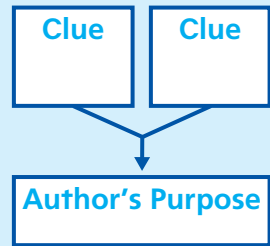


Neighbors can
help the Smith
family carry
boxes to their
new apartment.

Respond to Reading

Summarize

Use the chart to help you summarize *City Communities*.



Text Evidence

1. How do you know that this text is nonfiction? **Genre**
2. Why did the author write this text? **Author's Purpose**
3. What word means the same as *exhibits* on page 10? **Synonyms**
4. What is the author's purpose on page 6? **Write About Reading**

Compare Texts

Read to find out how animals in this folktale get along.

Magic Anansi

retold
Anansi
folktale



Anansi Spider, Goat and her kids, and Leopard get along well. They all live in Leopard's house. One day Leopard growls, "Get out. You make my house dirty."

Leopard chases them through villages. They come to a river. It is too wide to cross. Anansi has a solution. He turns the goats into stones. He throws them across the river. Then he spins a thread. He swings across. Now they are far away from Leopard!



But Leopard is lonely. He finds his friends. He insists that they come home. They make a promise. They will keep his house clean. Now they all live together happily.



Make Connections

How do people in cities help each other? **Essential Question**

How are the animals in this story like people in cities? **Text to Text**

Focus on Social Studies

Purpose To find out how people help their community

What to Do

Step 1 Ask your friends how people help their communities.

Step 2 Put your information in a chart like this one.

People	How They Help

Step 3 Draw a picture showing how people help one another. Talk about what you learned.

Thinkmark

The Topic

What is *City Communities* mostly about?

Vocabulary

What new words did you learn in the text?

What helped you understand their meanings?

Conclusions

What conclusion can you draw about how people help in city communities?

Make Connections

Have you helped people like the people in *City Communities* did? How did it feel to help?