

# Explore Our Local Community

**How to use:** Print first for the main practice. Then use the device to repeat activities and save progress.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1 Name important community places
- 2 Describe what people do at each one

## MINI LESSON

Your community is all the people, buildings, and streets that make up your neighborhood and town — and every building has a special job!

### What is a community?

- A community is a group of people who live and work near each other.
- Example: Your town or neighborhood is your community.
- Communities have special buildings called community places where people go to get help or services.

### Places that help us learn and stay healthy

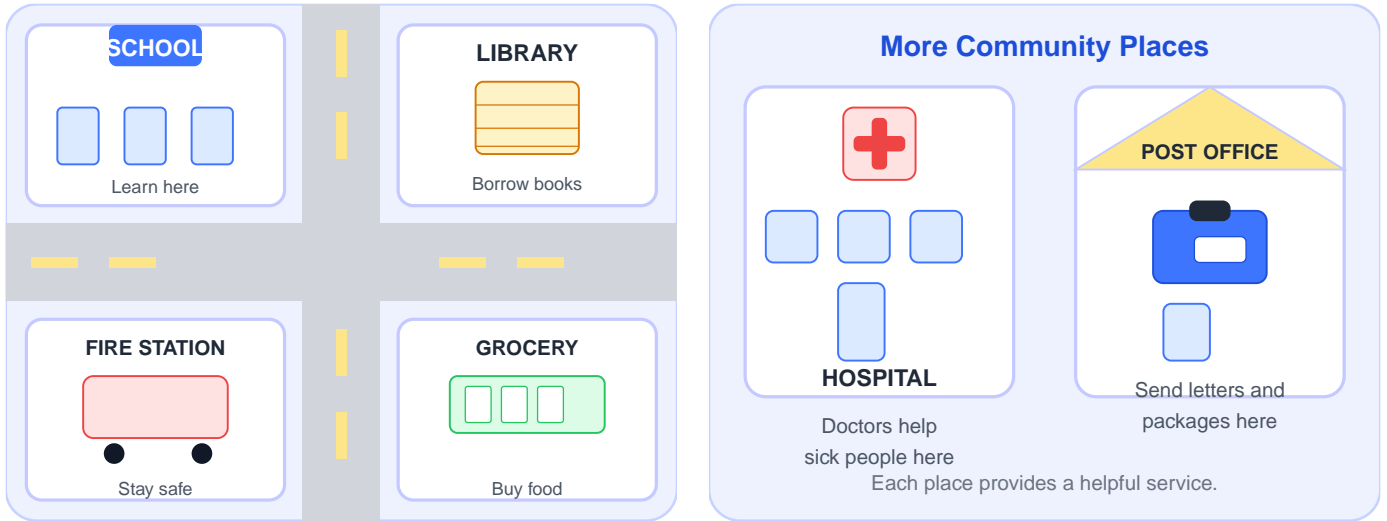
- A school is where children go to learn reading, math, and more.
- A library is where people borrow books and find information for free.
- A hospital is where doctors and nurses care for people who are sick or hurt.

### Places that keep us safe and fed

- A fire station is where firefighters and their trucks are ready to put out fires and help in emergencies.
- A grocery store is where families buy food and everyday supplies.
- A post office is where people send and receive letters and packages.

### Why community places matter

- Every community place provides a service — something helpful that people need.
- Together, these places make a community a safe and happy place to live.



! Ask yourself: "What do people do at this place? Why would someone in my community need to go there?"

#### VOCABULARY

<b>Community</b>	A group of people who live and work near each other <i>e.g. My community has many helpful places.</i>
<b>Service</b>	Something helpful that a place provides for people <i>e.g. A library offers free book service.</i>
<b>Library</b>	A place where people borrow books and find information for free <i>e.g. I borrowed three books from the library.</i>
<b>Hospital</b>	A place where doctors and nurses care for sick or hurt people <i>e.g. We took grandma to the hospital.</i>
<b>Fire station</b>	The home of firefighters and their trucks <i>e.g. The fire station is on the corner of Main Street.</i>
<b>Post office</b>	A place where people send and receive letters and packages <i>e.g. I mailed a card from the post office.</i>

#### TRACING PRACTICE

Trace each word, then copy it twice on the lines below.

TRACE (PASS OVER)

community

COPY 1

COPY 2

TRACE (PASS OVER)

school

COPY 1

COPY 2

TRACE (PASS OVER)

library

COPY 1

COPY 2

TRACE (PASS OVER)

hospital

COPY 1

COPY 2

TRACE (PASS OVER)

fire station

COPY 1

COPY 2

TRACE (PASS OVER)

grocery store

COPY 1

COPY 2

TRACE (PASS OVER)

post office

COPY 1

COPY 2

TRACE (PASS OVER)

service

COPY 1

COPY 2

Tip: Write the name of each community place neatly under your sketch.

### EXERCISES — MATCH THE PAIRS

Draw a line from each community place to what people do there.

1. School

2. Library

3. Hospital

4. Fire Station

5. Grocery Store

6. Post Office

A. Firefighters keep trucks ready to help in emergencies.

B. Families buy food and everyday supplies.

C. People send and receive letters and packages.

D. Children come here to learn reading and math.

E. People borrow books and find information for free.

F. Doctors and nurses care for sick or hurt people.

Write the matching letter next to each number (e.g. 1-B, 2-A, 3-C...).

1 — \_\_\_\_\_ 2 — \_\_\_\_\_ 3 — \_\_\_\_\_ 4 — \_\_\_\_\_ 5 — \_\_\_\_\_ 6 — \_\_\_\_\_

“Flip the page upside down to see the answer key.”

1-D 2-E 3-F 4-A 5-B 6-C

### EXERCISES — MULTIPLE CHOICE

#### 1. What is a community?

- A single house where one family lives.
- A group of people who live and work near each other.
- A road that connects two cities.

#### 2. What do people do at a school?

- Children learn reading, math, and other subjects.
- Families buy groceries and food.
- Firefighters keep their trucks ready.

**3. What is the main purpose of a library?**

- To buy food and everyday supplies.
- To send and receive letters.
- To borrow books and find information for free.

**4. Why would someone go to a hospital?**

- To borrow books.
- To get help from doctors and nurses when sick or hurt.
- To buy food.

**5. What is kept at a fire station?**

- Firefighters and fire trucks, ready for emergencies.
- Doctors and medical supplies.
- Books and computers.

**6. Where do families go to buy food?**

- The library.
- The post office.
- The grocery store.

**7. What happens at a post office?**

- People learn to read and write.
- People send and receive letters and packages.
- People see a doctor.

**8. What does every community place provide?**

- A service — something helpful that people need.
- A place to sleep at night.
- A road to drive on.

**9. Why are community places important?**

- They are only important for workers, not for children.
- They are important only if something bad happens.
- They help make a community a safe and happy place for everyone.

**10. Which best describes a community place?**

- Any empty lot of land in a town.
- A building where people go to get a helpful service.
- A road that connects two neighborhoods.

*"Flip the page upside down to see the answer key."*

1. b 2. a 3. c 4. b 5. a 6. c 7. b 8. a 9. c 10. b

**ASSESSMENT**

**PARENT / TEACHER CHECKLIST**

- Names at least five community places (school, library, hospital, fire station, grocery store, post office) when shown a picture or asked aloud.
- Correctly matches each community place to what people do there when presented with pairs on the worksheet.
- Uses the word "service" when explaining why a community place is important.
- Sketches a community building and writes or traces its name and purpose label legibly.