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How the Government Helps Communities

A newspaper reporter is a person who writes stories! Newspaper reporters publish their stories in newspapers for people to read. Today, you will be a newspaper reporter and learn about how governments help communities.



Step 1: Learn about How the Government Helps Communities

Read the story attached called, "How the Government Helps Communities." Then, fill in the sentences below using the word bank.

Newspaper Reporter
Feedback
Fire Stations
Police Stations
Parks

1. The government gives people a place to walk and play outside by building _____.

2. A _____ is a person who writes stories on different topics.

3. The government keeps people safe by giving them _____ and

_____.

4. Newspaper reporters ask for _____ on their articles so they can get other people's

opinions on what they should change.



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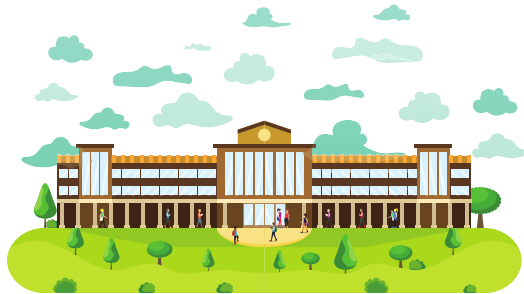
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Meet Pedro!

Hi everyone! My name is Pedro. I am a newspaper reporter. A newspaper reporter is a person who writes stories on different topics. For example, a newspaper reporter might write a story on sports!



A newspaper reporter can also write about what is happening in a community. For example, a newspaper reporter can write about a new school that is being built!

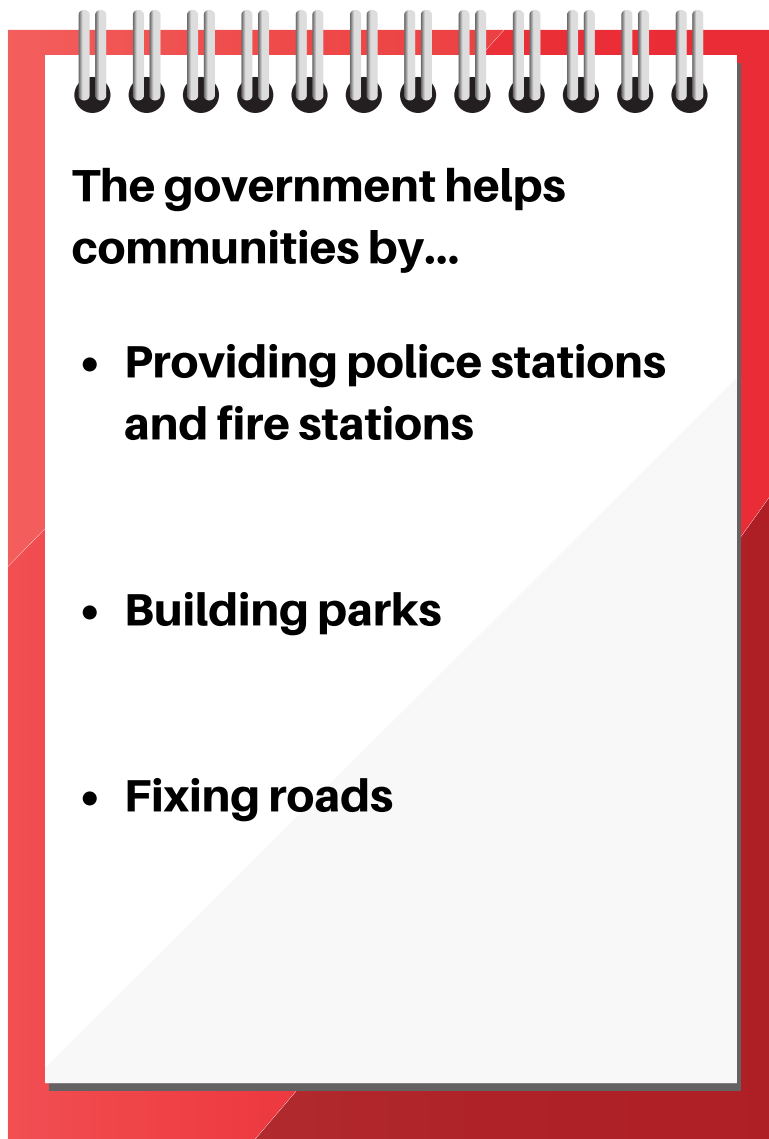


Today, I am writing an article called, "Our Local Government Helps Communities." In my article, I am going to talk about how the local government helps people.

Brainstorming Ideas

Before writing a newspaper article, I brainstorm a list of things I can write about. Brainstorming means thinking of ideas! When I brainstorm an idea, I type it on my iPad!

Here is a list of ideas that I brainstormed for my article "Our Local Government Helps Communities":



Writing a Draft

After I brainstorm some ideas, I write a rough draft. A rough draft is the first version of an article, story, or piece of writing. Later, I will make changes to the rough draft to make it the best it can be!

Here is what my rough draft is going to say:

The government helps people in a lot of ways.

First, the government provides police and fire stations. People are safe when they have firefighters and police officers to protect them.

Second, the government builds parks. The government builds parks to protect the environment so animals have somewhere safe to live. The government also builds parks so people have a place to walk and play outside.

Third, the government fixes roads. If there are large holes in the roads, the government will pay to have them fixed.

Overall, the government does a lot of different things to help communities. The government wants people to feel safe and happy. Can you think of anything else that the government does?

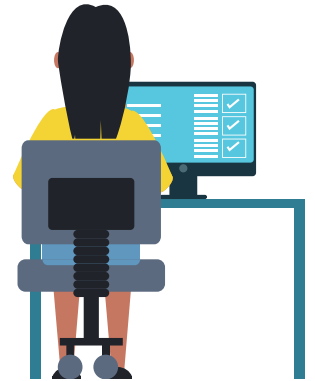
Getting Feedback

After I write a rough draft, I get feedback on my article. Feedback is someone else's opinion about my piece of writing. It is my choice if I want to use their feedback and make changes to my writing or not. I decide to get feedback from two of my friends, Ken and Carrie!



First, I let Ken read my rough draft. Ken thinks I should write about my favorite park.

Next, I let Carrie read my rough draft. Carrie thinks that I should talk more about how the government helps people. She tells me I could explain how the government provides schools for kids to learn at.



I decide not to use Ken's feedback. I want my article to focus on the government, not which park I like best.

I decide to use Carrie's feedback. I think that it is important for my readers to know that the government provides schools to communities!

Making Changes

My next step is to make changes to my rough draft. Making changes to a piece of writing is called revising. I add a new paragraph to my article about how governments provide schools in communities. Take a look at what I changed!

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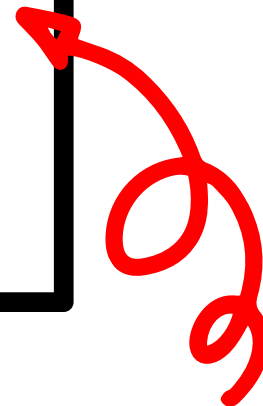
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Checking for Mistakes

The last thing I need to do is look for any mistakes on my rough draft. This is called editing. When people edit a story, they check to make sure all of their words are spelled correctly. They also make sure to use the right punctuation, like periods, commas, and question marks!



I read through my rough draft very carefully. There are no mistakes! My story is now a final draft! A final draft is a piece of writing that is finished and ready for people to read! I can't wait for my article to be published in the newspaper. I hope people learn a lot about how the government helps communities.