

Handout # 3

Weeks 12-13: MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Objectives:

- Identify the different government services and their respective roles.
- Acquire desirable attitude towards the people working in municipal services.

Big Questions:

1. What are some of the Municipal Services that your towns have?
2. What do you feel when you see people working in municipal services?

Learning Content:

LOCAL COUNCILS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Local councils

In every city or town, there is a **local council**. The local council meets in a building called the **town hall**.

The **mayor** is the head of the local council, and he or she works with the **local councilors**.

They make decisions and then they communicate these decisions to the people.

The local council organizes the **municipal buildings** and the **municipal services** that everyone needs.

Municipal services

Police and fire services



The local police are responsible for:

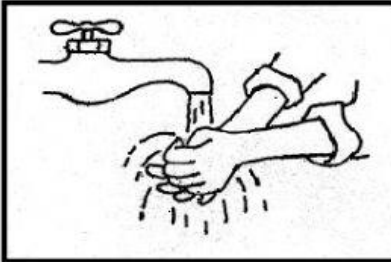
- Protecting people.
- Keeping the streets safe.
- Arresting criminals.



The fire service helps to save lives and property by:

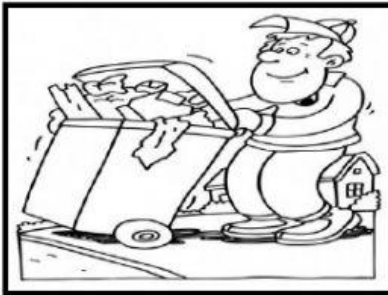
- Preventing and putting out fires.
- Helping people when there are disasters, such as floods or fires.

Sanitation services



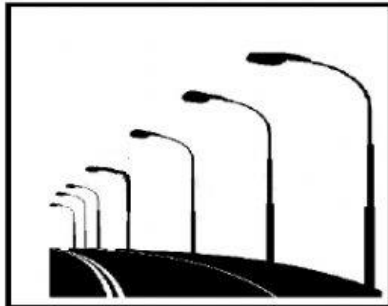
Water

This service makes sure we have clean, fresh water and clean sewers.



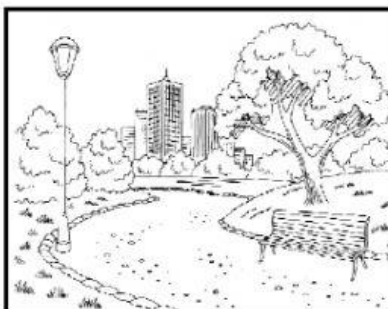
Cleaning

Rubbish collectors collect our rubbish and street cleaners clean the streets.



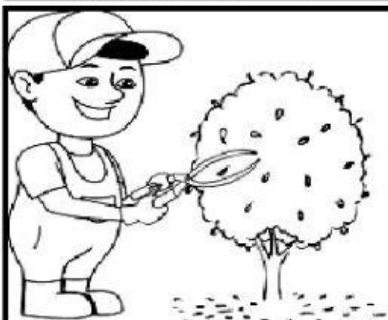
Street lighting

This service makes sure that the street lights are working.



Parks

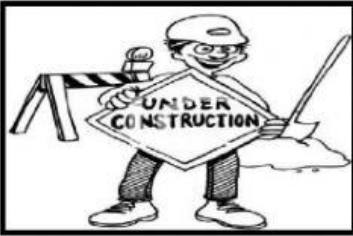
Gardeners take care of the parks.



Town planning and highway services

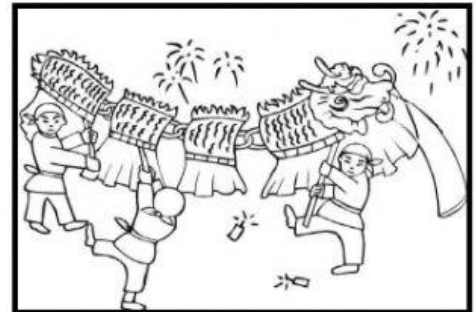
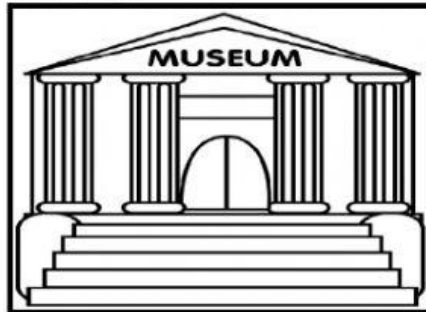


Town planning services regulate the construction industry, so that buildings are safe and carefully designed.

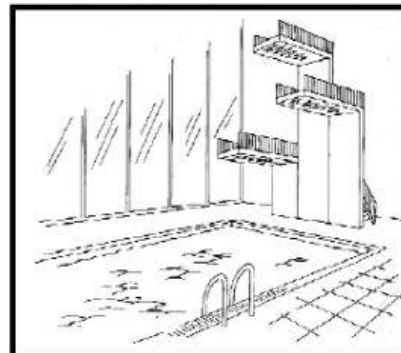
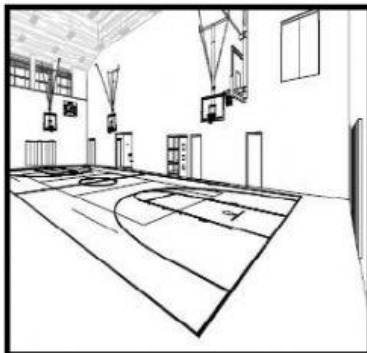


Highway services are responsible for maintaining and repairing road signs and traffic signals so that we can drive safely.

Cultural and recreational services



Cultural services are responsible for libraries, museums and town festivals.



Recreational services are responsible for taking care of sports centers and swimming pools.

In every town or city, there is a local council that organizes the municipal services that everyone needs.

Formative Test: Read and choose. Tick the box of the correct answer.

1. The _____ meets in a building called the town hall.

a. local council b. municipal services c. local police

2. _____. This service makes sure we have clean, fresh water and clean sewers.

a. Water b. Cleaning c. Parks

3. _____. This service makes sure that the street lights are working.

a. Town planning services b. Water c. Street lighting

4. _____ are responsible for libraries, museums and town festivals.

a. Recreational services b. Highway services c. Cultural services

5. _____ regulate the construction industry, so that buildings are safe and carefully designed.

a. Town planning services b. Cultural services c. Highway services