

UNIT 3: COMMUNITY SERVICE

Skills 1

Exercise 1: Read the passage and decide whether the statements are TRUE or FALSE.

Community service is work that a person or a group of people does to give benefits to others. You do not get paid to perform community service, but volunteer your time. Community service can help many different groups of people: street children, disabled people, even animals and the environment. Community service is often organised by local groups, schools, universities, or non-profit organisations. You can start your own community service projects. Many people participate in community service because they enjoy helping others and improving their community.

There are numerous benefits to participating in community service, both for yourself and others. Community service gives you a way to help others, helps improve your community, and helps you to be sociable and to meet new friends. Moreover, it gives you a way to gain work experience and learn more about certain jobs. There are hundreds of ways to participate in community service, depending on your skills, your interests, and your free time.

1. The purpose of community service is to help others. _____
2. You are well-paid to take part in community service. _____
3. Community service does nothing for the environment. _____
4. Non-profit organisations also take part in community service. _____
5. Community service is only organised by individuals. _____
6. For many people, helping others is enjoyable. _____
7. You can gain work experience by doing community service. _____
8. You can't choose suitable work of community service. _____

Exercise 2: Fill in each blank with a word from the box.

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There are many benefits of participating in community service. The most important benefit is that we (1) _____ opportunities to help other people who are in need. We improve someone's life, we make our community (2) _____, and we get to see the direct effect of our work.

When we work for community service, we can gain hands-on experience. We can learn a lot of (3) _____ while performing the services such as customer service skills, teaching skills and medical skills. (4) _____, we can learn about different careers. For example, if we spend time helping sick people in hospitals, we can learn about the work of a (5) _____ or a doctor.

Doing community service has (6) _____ benefits as well. It often makes us more organised, responsible, and skillful. Besides, it also helps us to make friends. Community service is often done in groups, (7) _____ it is easy to make friends with the people we are working with. We may become friends (8) _____ the people we are helping.

Exercise 3: Write questions for the underlined parts.

1. We asked people to donate wheelchairs.

2. I went to visit an old classmate in the hospital.

3. They provided free healthcare services in remote villages.

4. They organised two volunteer programmes last year.

5. Yes, it's a non-profit organisation.

6. I collect used bottles and cans because they are harmful to the environment.

7. We started this project last Monday.

8. People should follow traffic laws to reduce traffic jams.
