

Unit 05

Community Service



Warm-Up

Hãy cùng bạn học trả lời các câu hỏi dưới đây.

- 1 Do you ever volunteer in your community?
- 2 What can students do to help their communities?
- 3 Does your school ask you to do volunteer work for a grade or graduation?

Introducing the Topic



Around 40 percent of high schools in the U.S. require their students to do community service to graduate. Many of these students may do community service just to get a grade. But students learn something from community service as well. They can learn to share their time and knowledge to make their communities better.

Learning about the Topic

Should community service be mandatory for all students?

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Đọc và gạch chân các lập luận hỗ trợ trong đoạn 2 và đoạn 3.

Many schools make community service mandatory for students. Students serve food to the homeless, teach younger children, and work with senior citizens. But some believe that students should do community service only if they want to.

Require Community Service

First, community service can give students helpful work experience. Most students only know about school and studying. When students do volunteer work, they can learn about different jobs. For example, students who want to be nurses can volunteer at a hospital. They can see how nurses work and learn. This

can be very helpful. Students can also see how less fortunate people live. Students should learn that some people's lives are hard. One Canadian student talked about working in a homeless shelter. He said it was a good experience. It made him thankful for what he has.



Make Community Service Optional

For one, many students, especially older ones, do not have time. To be specific, high school students need to get ready for college. Some students have part-time jobs. They must earn money for their families. In these cases, doing community service would just waste their time. Next, students may not do a good job. When students are forced to do community service, they will not care about their work. This will not help the students or the community. Community service should be done by students who want to do it.



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Vocabulary Check

Chọn từ thích hợp để hoàn thành các câu sau.

shelter mandatory fortunate thankful forced

1. I think the government should help less **people**.
2. In my school, P.E. class is **mandatory**. All students must take it.
3. Shannon was **fortunate** for the help she got from her friends.
4. I didn't want to read the book, but my teacher **forced** me to.
5. People built a(n) **shelter** for the homeless.

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Comprehension Questions

Chọn câu trả lời đúng cho từng câu hỏi dưới đây.

1. How can doing community service help students with their futures?
 - a. They can meet people who can help them get jobs after they graduate.
 - b. They can get useful experience learning about different jobs.
2. Why is it important for students to see how less fortunate people live?
 - a. They can start to volunteer at their local homeless shelters.
 - b. They can become more thankful for what they have.
3. What is true about high school students' schedules?
 - a. They are too busy getting ready for college to do volunteer work.
 - b. They are too busy looking for new jobs.
4. Why may students not do a good job while doing community service?
 - a. Because they are forced to do the work
 - b. Because they do not have time to volunteer

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