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Activities for Number 8041

What Is A Community?





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Concepts

These are the main ideas and concepts that will be addressed by this program:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• People, buildings and land – all combine to form a community – a group of people living in the same area | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The people who live near you and share your community are called neighbours |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The first communities were started by early pioneer families | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Life was very hard for pioneer families because they had to do everything themselves – families lived far away from each other |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As more settlers arrived, people were able to help each other | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Although communities today look very different from early pioneer communities and different from each other, they all have some things in common |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In every community there are people – sometimes from many different parts of the world | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In every community there are places to buy things |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In every community there are ways to travel from place to place | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In every community people go to work and children go to school |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In every community there are places to protect and care for you and places to relax and have fun | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In some communities most of the buildings may be old and small – in other communities most of the buildings are big and new |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Big cities are divided into many small communities and neighbourhoods | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Towns and villages are much smaller than big cities |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farming communities are found in rural areas | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• People who live in rural areas also have neighbours, but they are usually much farther away than city neighbours |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farm families usually drive to a nearby village or town to buy the things they need | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children who live in rural communities often travel to school on a school bus |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some people like living in a large urban community - others prefer living in a town, a village or a rural community | |



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Key Educational Features

In consideration of the importance of learning about communities, students should be able to, after using these materials:

- Appreciate the first communities were started by early pioneer families
- Identify the type of community in which they live
- Recognize that people in all communities have basic needs
- Compare similarities and differences between urban and rural communities

COMMUNITY RULES



All communities have rules.

Rules help keep people safe and healthy.

Rules help keep a community clean.

Activity!

- 1 Draw a picture showing how you are following a community rule.
- 2 Show your picture to your classmates. Can they tell what community rule you are following?
- 3 Tell your classmates why your rule is important to you and to your community.

OUR BASIC NEEDS

People in all communities need 3 things in order to live.

WE ALL NEED SHELTER – A PLACE TO LIVE

Where do you live:

My name: _____

My street: _____

My community: _____

My postal code: _____



Have you always lived at this address? Yes / No

Have you always lived in this community? Yes / No

Have you always lived in this province or state? Yes / No

Have you always lived in this country? Yes / No



WE ALL NEED FOOD TO EAT

What is your favourite food to eat? _____

Do you know the name of a store that sells your favourite food? Is the store located in your community? _____

WE ALL NEED CLOTHES TO WEAR

What is your favourite thing to wear? _____

Do you know the name of a store that sells your favourite thing to wear? Is the store located in your community? _____



ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY...

Some communities are very old - they were started by early pioneer families. Other communities may only be one or two years old.

Some communities are very large; some are quite small; and some have only a few people and buildings.



Let's Discuss It!!

Question 1

Do most of the buildings in your community look old (and small) OR are there many new (and large) buildings?

Question 5

Are there lots of stores and shops in your community? Not very many?

Question 2

Are most buildings in your community close together, or is there quite a bit of space between them?

Question 6

Are there lots of places to have fun in your community – such as parks, arenas, movie theatres? Hardly any?

Question 3

Are there many different kinds of homes and places to live in your community or do most places to live look the same?

Question 7

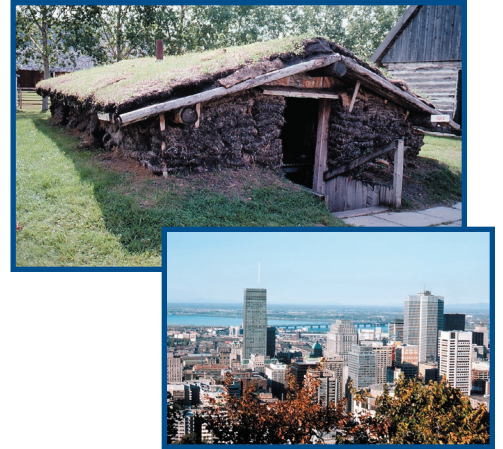
If we explained our answers to a stranger, do you think that person could tell what kind of community we live in – an urban community or a rural community?

Question 4

Do you think most people in your community work close to home, or travel a long distance to work? (survey of where parent/s work, neighbours work, how they travel to work, etc.)

ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY...

CLASS ANSWER SHEET - Place an X beside the answer that best describes our community



In our community:

- | | |
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| 1. Most buildings look older. _____ | 2. There are both old and new buildings. _____ |
| 1. There is a lot of space between buildings. _____ | 2. Most buildings are close together. _____ |
| 1. Most places to live in our community look the same. _____ | 2. There are many different kinds of homes and places to live in our community. _____ |
| 1. Most people in our community work close to home _____ | 2. Most people in our community travel quite a distance to work. _____ |
| 1. There are few stores or places to shop in our community. _____ | 2. There are a lot of different stores and places to shop in our community. _____ |
| 1. We don't have many places in our community to have fun – such as movie theatres. _____ | 2. We have many places to have fun in our community – theatres, arenas, parks, etc. _____ |

If all your answers are Number 1, you live in a _____ community.

If all your answers are Number 2, you live in a _____ community.

SOUNDS AND SMELLS

There are many different sounds and smells in every community, and they can tell us a lot about the kind of community we live in.

What different sounds do you hear in your community?

A high sound _____

A quiet sound _____

A squeaky sound _____

A happy sound _____

A warning sound _____



What smells do you smell in your community?

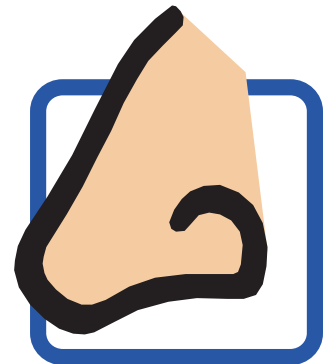
A sweet smell _____

A strong smell _____

A strange smell _____

A stinky smell _____

A nice smell _____



JOBS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

There are many different jobs in every community.

Make a list of 10 different jobs people do in your community.



_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Of all the jobs on your list:

1. Which job do you think is the most important to your community?



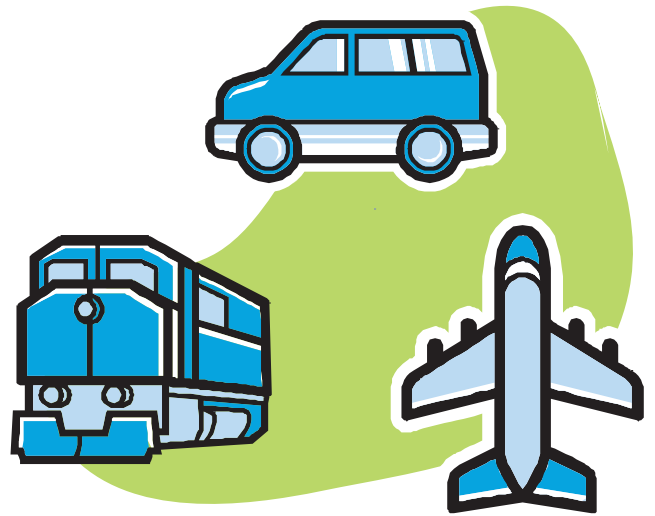
2. Which job do you think is the hardest to do? _____

3. Which job do you think is the easiest to do? _____

4. Which job would you like to do? _____

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

People in different communities can move from place to place in many different ways.



Activity!

Draw a circle around each way someone in your community could move from place to place.

airplane

automobile

dog sled

bicycle

boat

bus

ferry

ship

snowmobile

streetcar

subway

taxi

train

walking

How many different ways have you moved from place to place in your community? Print each one below:

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A SPECIAL FLAG FOR MY COMMUNITY

Do you recognize the flag of your country?

The flag of your province or state?

Have you seen different flags flying in your community?



Activity!



Design a flag for your community. Your design should show people something you think is important, interesting, or fun to do in your community.

URBAN, SUBURBAN OR RURAL?

If you live in a big city, you live in an **urban community**.

If you live on a farm or near farms, you live in a **rural community**.

If you live near or just outside a large city, you live in a **suburban community**.



What kind of community do you live in? _____

What is the name of your community?

What is the name of the province or state where your community is located? _____

On a map, find your province or state, then find your community.

MISSING WORDS



Each sentence is missing a word.

Choose one of the words below to fill in each blank space. One word will be left over.

city	neighbourhoods	neighbours	traffic
pioneer	playground	Farming	town
department	settlers		

1. The first communities were started by early _____ families.
2. A _____ is a place smaller than a city but larger than a village.
3. Big cities are divided into many small communities and _____.
4. _____ communities are found in rural areas.
5. You would not see a huge _____ store in a small village or town.
6. A _____ is a big place where many families live near each other.
7. The people who live near you and share your community are called your _____.
8. Cities are very busy places with lots of _____.
9. Life was hard for pioneer families because they had to do everything themselves. As more _____ arrived, people were able to help each other.

PEOPLE NEED OTHER PEOPLE

Life was very hard for the first pioneer families because they had to do everything themselves. Sharing jobs makes work easier for everyone.



Activity!

- 1 Work with a partner.
- 2 Find pictures in old magazines or newspapers showing people sharing different jobs or helping each other in some way.
- 3 Paste your pictures on a large poster.
- 4 When your project is finished, show your poster to your classmates.

Question

Do you think your project was easier and more fun because you shared the work with a partner?

GLOSSARY

apartment building	Usually a large building that has separate homes for many people and families.
city	A LARGE community where many people live, work and play.
community	A place where people live, work and play.
country	An area of land and the people who live there. Canada and United States are large countries.
department store	A large store with many different areas. Each area sells different goods or products.
farming community	A community where most people live on a farm and raise animals or grow crops.
job	Doing work for pay.
neighbour	A person or family living near another person or family.
neighbourhood	A part of a community in towns and cities where people live near each other.
pioneer	A person who first comes to, or settles in an area.
postal code	A group of numbers - part of an address that helps make mail service faster.
province	One part of a country. Canada has 10 provinces (and 3 territories).
product	something that people make or grow.
rural community	A community where people live on farms or near farms.
rule	A rule tells people how to do something or how to act.
settler	A person who makes his or her new home in a new place that is not built up.



GLOSSARY

state	One part of a country. United States has 50 states.
suburban community	A community near or just outside a large city.
town	A community that is smaller than a city, but bigger than a village.
transportation	Moving people and goods from one place to another.
urban community	A big city.
village	A small community in a rural area. Smaller than a town.



ANSWER SHEET

Missing Words (page 13)

1. pioneer
2. town
3. neighbourhoods
4. Farming
5. department
6. city
7. neighbours
8. traffic
9. settlers