

Living in a Community

COMPREHENSION • VOCABULARY • DISCUSSION

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Reading Passage

Read the passage carefully. Each paragraph is labelled with a letter for easy reference.

- A** Living in a community is important for everyone. In a community, people help each other and share their lives, creating a strong sense of belonging. For example, Sarah lives in a small town called Maplewood, where she knows her neighbors well and interacts with them regularly. Every Saturday, there is a busy market in the town square, which serves as a vibrant gathering place for residents. Sarah sells fresh vegetables from her garden, which she tends with care. Her friend Tom sells delicious homemade bread that he bakes weekly. Families come together to buy food and enjoy talking with one another, catching up on news and sharing stories. In the evenings, the community organizes fun events like movie nights and sports games, popular among all age groups. Everyone is welcome to join these activities, fostering a spirit of inclusivity. These events help people make friends and strengthen relationships. Living in a community makes life better and happier for all, providing support and joy in everyday life.

Vocabulary Glossary

Key words and phrases from the passage. Study them before attempting the exercise below.

WORD / PHRASE	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
belonging	when you feel like you are part of a group	<i>Joining the club gave her a sense of belonging.</i>
interacts	to talk or do things with other people	<i>She interacts with her classmates during group projects.</i>
vibrant	full of life and energy	<i>The festival was vibrant with music and dancing.</i>
tends	to take care of something	<i>He tends to his garden every morning.</i>
fostering	to help something grow or develop	<i>The teacher is good at fostering a love for reading.</i>
inclusivity	including everyone, no matter who they are	<i>The event was planned with inclusivity in mind.</i>
relationships	connections with other people	<i>Good communication is key to strong relationships.</i>
support	help or encouragement given to someone	<i>Her friends gave her support during tough times.</i>

Vocabulary Exercise — Fill in the Blank

Use one word or phrase from the glossary above to complete each sentence. Each item is used only once. Answers are on the final page.

1. The club makes everyone feel a sense of _____.
2. She _____ with her neighbors during the community event.
3. The city is known for its _____ nightlife.
4. He _____ his plants every evening to keep them healthy.
5. The teacher is _____ creativity in her students.
6. The group promotes _____ by welcoming people from all backgrounds.

Comprehension Questions

These questions are different from the online practice test. Choose the best answer (A, B, C, or D). Answers and explanations are on the final page.

Question 1

Why is the market in Maplewood important to the community?

- A. It is a place where people can sell and buy food.
- B. It is the only place to buy vegetables.
- C. It is the only place to meet friends.
- D. It is open every day of the week.

Question 2

Who benefits from the community gatherings according to the passage?

- A. Only the vendors at the market.
- B. All age groups in the community.
- C. Only the older residents.
- D. Only those new to the town.

Question 3

What does Sarah's interaction with her friend Tom at the market illustrate?

- A. They are competitors.
- B. They avoid each other.
- C. They cooperate in the market.
- D. They dislike working at the market.

Question 4

How does the passage describe the role of Saturday markets?

- A. A place for formal meetings.
- B. A vibrant community center.
- C. A quiet spot for relaxation.
- D. A new addition to the town.

answer.

why Saturday markets are described as vibrant gathering places.

why 'A' and 'B' markets are informal, not for formal meetings.', 'C': 'They are busy, not quiet.', 'D': 'There is no indication they are new.'}

Answer Key

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Q1 A

Q2 B

Q3 C

Q4

VOCABULARY EXERCISE

FIB1 belonging

FIB2 interacts

FIB3 vibrant

FIB4 tends

FIB5 fostering

FIB6 inclusivity

Comprehension Question Explanations

Why the correct answer is right — and why each wrong option is incorrect.

1. Why is the market in Maplewood important to the community?

✓ A — It is a place where people can sell and buy food.

The market serves as a gathering place for buying food and socializing.

✗ B — It is the only place to buy vegetables.

Vegetables are one of many items sold, not the only focus.

✗ C — It is the only place to meet friends.

It is a main place to meet but not the only one.

✗ D — It is open every day of the week.

The passage specifies it's open on Saturdays, not daily.

2. Who benefits from the community gatherings according to the passage?

✓ B — All age groups in the community.

The passage states events are popular among all age groups.

✗ A — Only the vendors at the market.

The passage highlights benefits for everyone, not just vendors.

✗ C — Only the older residents.

All ages participate, not just older residents.

✗ D — Only those new to the town.

Both new and long-term residents benefit.

3. What does Sarah's interaction with her friend Tom at the market illustrate?

✓ C — They cooperate in the market.

The passage describes them selling different items and being friends.

✗ A — They are competitors.

They are not competing; they sell different products.

✗ B — They avoid each other.

They are described as friends, not as avoiding each other.

✗ D — They dislike working at the market.

There is no mention of dislike for the market.

4. How does the passage describe the role of Saturday markets?

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✗ A — A place for formal meetings.

✗ B — A vibrant community center.

✗ C — A quiet spot for relaxation.

✗ D — A new addition to the town.

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