

Being Part of My Community

Social Skill: Community

Reading Level: Intermediate

Type: Everyday

Approach: Explicit



I live in a community. A community is a group of people who are nearby, like the people in my neighborhood, my classmates at school, or the members of my sports team. Everyone in a community can help each other to make it a better place.

Sometimes, I see my neighbors outside. I can say hello to them and ask how they are. Saying hello is a friendly way to make others feel welcome. When I see someone smile back, it makes me feel happy knowing I've shared kindness.

In a community, it is important to listen to one another. When I listen to someone's words, it shows that I care about what they are saying. If my friend is telling me about their new puppy, I can listen attentively and ask questions. This makes my friend feel that their story is valued.

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Helping others is another way to be a good community member. If I see that my neighbor is carrying heavy bags, I can ask if they need help. Helping not only makes the community stronger, but it also makes me feel proud and good about myself.

Sometimes, I might make a mistake and make someone upset in my community. If that happens, saying sorry can help fix the problem. Apologizing shows that I understand how they feel. I can say, 'I'm sorry for what happened,' and then try to do better next time.

I can also take part in community events, like clean-up days or school fairs. Participating helps me make new friends and learn more about where I live. It can be fun to see everyone working together and making the community better.

I am an important part of my community, and I can make a difference by being kind, listening, helping others, and taking part in events. This makes me and everyone else feel good and proud to be part of our community.

Key Social Concepts

community

kindness

listening

helping

apologizing

participation

Social Rules

- Say hello to neighbors
- Listen attentively
- Offer help when needed
- Apologize when necessary
- Participate in community events

Social Understanding Questions

1. What is a friendly way to make others feel welcome in the community?

- A. Saying hello to them *
- B. Ignoring them
- C. Walking away quickly
- D. Pretending not to see them

2. How might you feel when someone smiles back at you after you say hello?

- A. Happy *
- B. Sad
- C. Angry
- D. Confused

3. What should you do if you accidentally make someone upset?

- A. Say sorry and try to do better next time *
- B. Ignore them
- C. Blame someone else
- D. Laugh it off

4. Why is it important to listen to someone's words in the community?

- A. It shows you care about what they are saying *
- B. It is fun
- C. It helps you win prizes
- D. It makes them stop talking

** Indicates the correct answer*

Social Cues Guide: Community

Skill Description

The ability to understand and appropriately engage within a community setting involves recognizing and responding to social cues and interacting effectively with others.

Social Cues to Watch For

[object Object]

Common Misunderstandings

- Believing that everyone understands and shares the same feelings or thoughts.
- Interpreting a neutral expression as negative.
- Assuming that if someone is not speaking, they are not engaged or interested.

Practice Scenarios

1. Attending a community event where the child can observe different interactions, like a local fair or a community meeting.
2. Role-playing a neighborhood cleanup day where the child can practice offering help and working alongside others.
3. Participating in a team activity that requires cooperation and communication, like building a simple project together.
4. Visiting a library and practicing asking the librarian for assistance or information.
5. Attending a class or workshop where the child can practice listening to a group leader and following instructions.