

Create a City Student Worksheet

Shopping Center

Government Offices

Apartments

Houses

Houses

Houses

Strip Mall

Restaurants

Freeway

Freeway

Theater

Industries

Fire Department

Park

Landfill

School

Apartments

School

Low Income Housing

Golf Course

Park

Office Complex

School

Library

Police Dept.

Post Office

Jail

Group Members _____

Writing Prompt

Your group includes geographers who have exceptional skills as urban planners. Your group wishes to be hired by the town council of _____ that will be hiring a company to create a new city near _____, Arizona. The town council has determined that the city will have all of the features included on the Create a City diagram sheet. In order for you to get this job that will pay very well, your group needs to persuade the town council that your company has the best ideas for the new city. So with your group, you need to plan a city on one piece of construction paper that will promote all of the positive aspects of growth—convenient for humans, preserves the environment, and maintains a quality of life for humans and animals. After planning the city, your group will write a 2-page speech that would be presented to the town council stating why you located these features in such a way as to create a wonderful new town.

Assessment

In your 2-page written speech, you need to include:

1. Why city services (government offices, school, library, post office, landfill, jail, fire and police departments, and prison) were placed in certain areas?
2. Why businesses (office complex, restaurants, industries, strip malls, and shopping center) were located in certain areas?
3. Why recreational (golf course, parks, and theater) facilities were located in certain areas?
4. Why housing (homes and apartments) was located in certain areas?
5. Why roads (freeways) were placed in certain areas?
6. How this new city will be convenient for humans, preserves the environment, and maintains a quality of life for both animals and humans.

Your written speech will be graded on **voice** and **ideas**, so make sure your speech has formal language that would be used in a town council meeting, and you have answered all of the questions above.

Group Members _____

Sentence Starter Page

The library is near the _____ because

_____.

The shopping center is near the _____ because

_____.

The theater is near the _____ because

_____.

The apartments are near the _____ because

_____.

The freeway is near the _____ because

_____.

Name(s) _____ Categorize the Vocabulary Words

Where Do People Buy Things?

Where Do People Live?

Where Do People Play?

Categorize the Vocabulary Words **Answer Key**

Where Do People Buy Things?

shopping center

strip mall

theater

industries

post office

Where Do People Live?

apartment

prison

jail

low-income housing

Where Do People Play?

park

library

golf courses

theater

Vocabulary Test

Name _____

Choose the correct word to match its definition.

geographer	theater	prison	landfill
post office	park	mail	strip mall
library	apartment	restaurant	industries
freeway	government office	shopping center	office complex

_____ a large building where people can shop

_____ a building where plays are performed or movies are shown

_____ road that cars use for fast travel

_____ a place where people work for the government

_____ a home in a large building

_____ large companies that make things to sell

_____ a place where people can buy food and eat it

_____ a group of stores that share a parking lot

_____ a place where people can read and borrow the books

_____ a place to mail letters

_____ buildings where people work

_____ a place where trash and waste are stored

_____ an area with trees, grass, and playgrounds

_____ a locked place where people must stay for a long time as punishment

_____ a person who studies the earth

_____ a way to send letters

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