

Learning Objectives

- 1) Understand that a city is a place where many people live, work, and play. A city is home to many different people and cultures. In addition, cities have many buildings, which contain the businesses that keep the city running, and the homes in which the citizens live.
- 2) Realize that a city consists of many neighborhoods. A neighborhood is a place where people live near each other. A neighborhood is made up of the parks, schools, homes, and businesses that are close to each other. Often, neighborhoods reflect certain cultures, because people from the same country may choose to live near each other.
- 3) Understand the importance of transportation within a city, and identify some of the ways people move in a city. People need transportation to get to the places they need or want to be. In many cities, thousands of people drive cars to get from point A to point B. Unfortunately, too many cars on the road can cause traffic congestion, so people find other methods of transportation; they include subways, buses, taxis, trains, and bicycles.
- 4) Realize that people do not all live in the same type of home. A city has a limited amount of land for buildings, so not every home can be an individual house with an expansive yard. Sometimes, people live in houses that are built very close to each other. Many people live in apartment buildings. An apartment building consists of many homes put together in one structure.
- 5) Understand that a city is home to many businesses including banks, restaurants, hotels,

libraries, grocery stores, and schools. A city offers many choices to people who want to do business. In fact, some cities contain so many businesses that they need to have skyscrapers to fit them all.

- 6) Realize that the many different businesses located within a city provide people with many different jobs. There are factory workers, construction workers, and business people. Service workers are in a very special class, because they help other people. Examples of service workers include nurses, doctors, teachers, grocery store clerks, bus drivers, waiters and waitresses, mail carriers, police officers, and firefighters.
- 7) Know that a city offers people a lot of entertaining things to do. Some cities have museums, where people can learn about scientific discoveries or view the paintings of a famous artist. Cities have parks where people can walk their dogs, participate in sports, and children can play with their friends. Many people like to visit cities so they can eat in fine restaurants and attend concerts and plays. Also, many cities have sports teams. People go to the stadiums and arenas located in cities so they can cheer on their favorite teams.

Suggested Activities

- 1) **City planning:** Give each student a large piece of white paper and some crayons or markers. Ask the students to pretend they are city planners and draw a map of a pretend city (students should understand that they are not drawing a skyline, they are drawing a birds-eye-view). The students should use the video as a

guide to draw the things that each city needs. Here are some hints: The city will need roads. A bus station might be necessary for those people who do not have automobiles. The students might want to designate areas of land in their cities for houses and apartments. Areas of land should be set aside for businesses, so its citizens have access to the goods and services they need and want. Note that the students should not try to plan the “perfect city.” However, they should be able to recognize some of the parts that make up an entire city.

- 2) **City discussion:** Ask the students to give the names and describe the features of the cities they have visited. The teacher should write this information on the board. Then the class should discuss the similarities and differences among the cities listed.

Vocabulary

Apartment – A building divided into many homes, or a home within an apartment building

Community – An area containing many neighborhoods

Skyscraper – A very tall building.

Subway – A kind of train that runs under the ground

Transportation – The ways people move from one place to another

