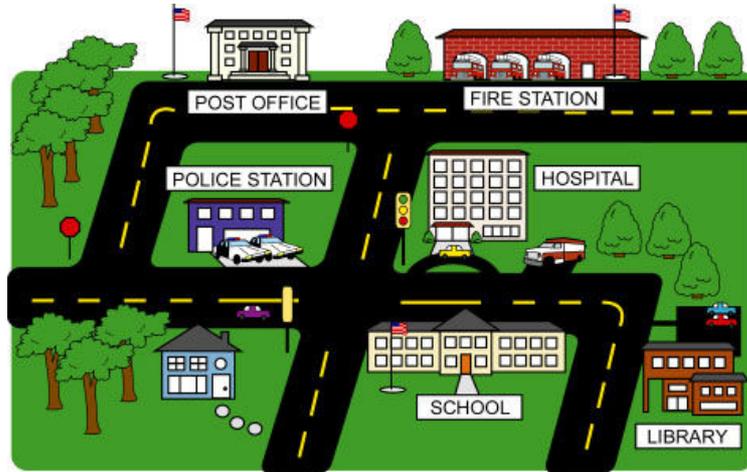




Social Studies



COMMUNITY HELPERS



Community Helpers

A community is a group of people who share services buildings and laws. It is also a place where people live. A community can be a school, town, city, or neighborhood. **Community helpers** are people who live and work in our communities. Community helpers make communities cleaner, safer, and more pleasant for other people. They do many different things to help us every day. They provide us with goods (products we use) and services (things they do for us). Some examples of community helpers are: doctors, nurses, chefs, bakers, astronauts, soldiers, teachers, dentists, mail carriers, bus drivers, coaches, babysitters, fishermen, plumbers, firefighters, farmers, librarians, and volunteers. Think of all the people in your community who do these jobs. You can learn a lot from community helpers! Let's take a walk through a town and meet some of the people who work hard to help us every day.

First, we pass a police station. **Police officers** are community helpers because they keep us safe. They drive in cars with sirens. They protect people. Police officers make sure everyone follows the law.

Next, we see a hospital. Inside, **doctors** are helping sick people to be well again. Doctors give medicine, fix broken bones, and teach people how to stay healthy. Nurses help the doctors, so they are community helpers too!

The fire station is next. **Firefighters** are always there to put out fires and rescue people in danger. They have lots of special equipment and big trucks! Firefighters also teach children fire safety and what to do in case of a fire. Around



the corner is City Hall. City Hall is where the **mayor and city council** work. Together, the mayor and the city council make laws and solve problems in the city or town.

Next to City Hall is the library. **Librarians** are community helpers too! They help people find the books they need. They read stories to children. They help people use computers. The library is a great place to be!

Down the street is the Post Office. Inside, **postal workers** are busy sorting mail to be delivered. Your letter carrier brings your mail to your house and takes the mail you want to send.

Our last stop is the school. Did you know your teacher is a community helper too? **Teachers** help children learn. They teach children to read and do math. They plan projects and games. Some teachers teach art or music. Every day, all over town, community helpers are hard at work to help you. Some keep you safe, some help you learn, some keep you healthy, and some help make your town a better place.

Some Community helpers and what they do to help us live well in our communities:

Fire Fighters

- People who are trained to put out fires.
- First people to help in a disaster.
- Work can sometimes be dangerous.
- Firefighters use long hoses to spray water on fires.
- They save people and animals from fires.
- They teach us about fire safety at school.





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Police Officers

- Keep our communities safe by protecting people and property from criminals.
- They make sure that everyone obeys the law. The law is a set of rules that a community lives by. Their Job can also be dangerous.
- They use guns, handcuffs, and radios to talk to each other.
- They help us by protecting us from crime and teach us about drugs and crime.



Mail Carriers

- Make sure that mail goes to the right people and gather mail that people send.
- Mail Pouch is a bag with a flap over the top that can carry 35 pounds of mail.
- Mail Carriers help the community by bringing and gathering mail.



Dentist

- Show people how to properly floss and brush teeth to prevent disease.
- They also straighten teeth and sometimes make replacements for teeth.
- They use a dental chair that can be adjusted to fit each patient.



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Sanitation Workers

- Keep our neighborhoods clean.
- They pick up garbage and recyclable materials such as newspapers, cardboard, aluminum cans, plastic, and glass containers.
- They use big garbage trucks to carry the trash to landfills where it is discarded.



Teacher

- Helps us to learn the things we need to know to be successful in life.
- Use textbooks, computers, and pictures to teach their students.
- They work very hard and spend a lot of time preparing and giving lessons to help their students learn.

These are not all of the community helpers, but they are some that we can easily recognize. All of these people help us in some way.

In the biggest community, your town or city, there are many more helpers. There are Law makers and government officials. There are construction workers who help keep the roads under repair and maintenance crews who fix the streetlights and traffic signals to keep our streets safe. There are shopkeepers who provide us with the things we need. In restaurants there are chefs waiters and waitresses who help provide us with a good healthy meal. There are parking attendants. The list goes on and on. Just about everyone in the community is a helper in some way. That is what makes a community, a group of people working together to make a better place for everyone.