

Rights and Responsibilities

Grade 3 • SOCIAL-STUDIES • Students distinguish between basic rights and responsibilities and identify ways citizens contribute to their communities. • Standards: D2.Civ.2.3-5, D2.Civ.7.3-5

Read each example below. Decide if it shows a RIGHT (something you are allowed to do), a RESPONSIBILITY (something you should do), or a CONTRIBUTION (a way to help your community). Write your answer on the line.

1. Maya goes to the public library to borrow books for free.
2. Carlos follows the classroom rules and listens when his teacher is speaking.
3. Emma volunteers to pick up litter at the neighborhood park on Saturday.
4. Mr. Lee drives safely and stops at all red lights and stop signs.
5. Aisha expresses her opinion during a class discussion about the school playground.
6. The Chen family sorts their recycling and puts it in the correct bins each week.
7. Jamal and his dad donate canned food to the local food bank to help families in need.
8. Sofia attends the public school in her neighborhood without having to pay tuition.
9. Mrs. Garcia teaches a free art class at the community center every Thursday evening for children.
10. Devon tells the truth when he accidentally breaks a window while playing ball, even though he is nervous.

Answer Key — Rights and Responsibilities

For the teacher / parent. Do not distribute with the worksheet.

1. RIGHT (*Using the public library is a right that all citizens have.*)
2. RESPONSIBILITY (*Following rules and being respectful is a responsibility students have.*)
3. CONTRIBUTION (*Volunteering to clean up the park is a way to help the community.*)
4. RESPONSIBILITY (*Following traffic laws is a responsibility to keep everyone safe.*)
5. RIGHT (*Sharing your opinion and speaking freely is a right.*)
6. RESPONSIBILITY (*Taking care of the environment by recycling is a responsibility.*)
7. CONTRIBUTION (*Donating food to help others is a contribution to the community.*)
8. RIGHT (*Getting a free public education is a right for all children.*)
9. CONTRIBUTION (*Volunteering time and skills to teach others is a contribution to the community.*)
10. RESPONSIBILITY (*Being honest and taking responsibility for your actions is an important responsibility.*)