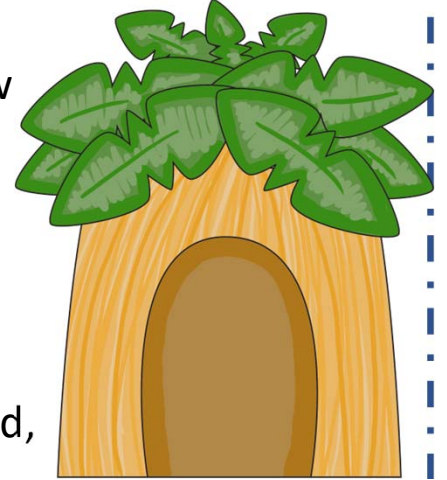


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Communities Then and Now

Long ago, communities looked very different from how they look today. People lived in small groups and had to hunt for food. They built homes from things they found in nature, like sticks and mud. But as time passed, communities changed a lot! Now, we live in big cities, small towns, and even suburbs. We have houses with roofs and walls made from strong things like bricks, steel and wood. We have cars and buses to help us travel from place to place. We also have stores where we can buy food, clothes, and toys. Our communities have schools where children like you go to learn new things. We have parks where we can play and have fun with our friends. We also have libraries where we can read books and learn about the world around us. Even though communities have changed a lot, one thing remains the same: people still work together to make our communities happy and safe places to live.



1. Read the passage about 'Communities Then and Now'
2. Underline each word that you could not read.
3. Circle each word that took you more than 1 try.
4. Answer the follow up questions.

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Communities Then and Now

Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. How did people get their food long ago?**
 - a. fished
 - b. gathered it
 - c. hunted

- 2. What did people long ago build their houses with?**
 - a. bricks
 - b. sticks and mud
 - c. steel

- 3. What do people use in their houses now?**
 - a. brick, steel and wood
 - b. just wood
 - c. just steel

- 4. Where do people go to learn now?**
 - a. schools
 - b. parks
 - c. towns

- 5. What is the same about communities then and now?**
 - a. people hunt for food
 - b. people like to build houses
 - c. people still work together

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Communities Then and Now

Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

- 1. *Inferring***
- 2. *Making Connections***
- 3. *Summarizing***
- 4. *Visualizing***

- 1. Why do you think communities changed over time?**
 - 2. What would you miss most if you lived in a community long ago?**
 - 3. Explain in 3 sentences what this passage is about.**
 - 4. What images come to your mind when you read this passage?**
- How might communities continue to change in the future?**
 - How might communities be different in different parts of the world?**
 - Do you think these changes are positive or negative changes?**
 - Would you prefer to live in a small or a large community? Why?**
 - What would people living in communities long ago think about the communities today?**