

Volunteering in Community

How to use: Print first for the main practice. Then use the device to repeat activities and save progress.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1 Explain what volunteering is
- 2 Describe how volunteer actions help a community
- 3 Explain why volunteering matters to a community

MINI LESSON

A volunteer is someone who chooses to help others without being paid. Volunteering is one of the most powerful ways a citizen can strengthen their community.

What is volunteering?

- Volunteering means giving your time, skills, or effort to help others — freely and by choice.
- Example: Cleaning up a park so everyone can enjoy a safe, beautiful space.
- Anyone can volunteer — kids, parents, teachers, and neighbors.

How does volunteering help?

- Volunteers do work that benefits the whole community, not just themselves.
- Common volunteer actions: helping at a food bank, reading to younger students, planting trees, collecting clothing for those in need.

Why does it matter?

- When people volunteer, they show they care about their community.
- Volunteering builds trust and makes communities stronger, kinder, and more connected.

VOCABULARY

Volunteer	A person who chooses to help others without being paid <i>e.g. My aunt is a volunteer at the food bank on weekends.</i>
Community	A group of people who live and work together in the same place <i>e.g. Our community planted new trees in the park together.</i>
Service	Work that helps and benefits other people <i>e.g. Cleaning a shared park is a service to the community.</i>
Citizen	A person who belongs to a community or country <i>e.g. Every citizen can help by volunteering, even just a little.</i>
Kindness	Being friendly, helpful, and caring toward others <i>e.g. Reading to a younger student is an act of kindness.</i>
Donate	To freely give something, like time, clothing, or food, to help others <i>e.g. We donated warm coats to neighbors who needed them.</i>

Ways to Volunteer



Clean a park
keeps it safe



Read to children
builds skills




Plant trees
helps nature



Help food bank
feeds families



Collect clothing
helps neighbors

Volunteering = giving time freely
to help others in your community 

Volunteer Sentence Frame

I can volunteer by...

cleaning up the park after school.



This helps...

keep the park clean and safe for everyone.



It matters because...

happy parks bring the community together.

! Ask yourself: "What is one thing I could volunteer to do? How would it help? Why would it matter to others?"

TRACING PRACTICE

Trace each word, then copy it twice on the lines below.

TRACE

volunteer

COPY 1

COPY 2

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community

COPY 1

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service

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citizen

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kindness

COPY 1

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effort

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COPY 2

TRACE

help

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COPY 2

TRACE

donate

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Tip: As you trace each word, think of one way that word connects to volunteering.

EXERCISES — BUILD THE SENTENCES

Use the word chips for each line to build the correct sentence. Write it neatly on the lines — capital letter at the start, finger-space between words, period at the end.

1. up can park by I . the volunteer cleaning

2. clean keep . and This park safe helps the

3. . It for be clean matters should parks everyone because

4. children volunteer . younger can by reading to I

5. books enjoy This helps children and learn .

6.

EXERCISES — MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. What is a volunteer?

- A person who gets paid to do a job in the community
- A person who chooses to help others freely, without being paid
- A leader who makes rules for the city

2. Which best describes volunteering?

- Doing homework that a teacher assigned
- Earning money by mowing a neighbor's lawn
- Giving your free time to help at a food bank

3. How does cleaning up a park help the community?

- It keeps the park safe and enjoyable for everyone
- It earns the volunteers a prize from the mayor
- It gives the park a new name

4. Why does volunteering matter to a community?

- It helps volunteers become famous
- It builds trust and makes the community stronger and kinder
- It replaces the work of paid community leaders

5. Who can volunteer in a community?

- Only adults who have finished school
- Only people who are already community leaders
- Anyone — including children, parents, and neighbors

6. Why is reading to younger students a form of volunteering?

- Because you are freely giving your time and skill to help someone learn
- Because the school pays you for every book you read aloud
- Because reading is a school requirement for everyone

7. How does helping at a food bank serve the community?

- It teaches volunteers how to cook large meals
- It helps provide food for families who may not have enough
- It earns the food bank extra money for the city

8. What makes volunteering different from a paid job?

- Volunteers always work longer hours than paid workers
- Volunteers receive more training than paid employees
- Volunteers choose to help freely without receiving money

9. Why do small volunteer actions still matter?

- Many small actions add up to make a big difference in the community
- Small actions are the only type of volunteering that counts
- Small actions are only done by children, not adults

10. Which of the following is a good example of a volunteer action?

- Getting paid to mow the school's soccer field
- Spending a Saturday planting trees in the neighborhood park
- Doing your own chores at home because a parent asked

ASSESSMENT

PARENT / TEACHER CHECKLIST

- Defines "volunteer" in their own words and correctly states that it means helping without being paid.
- Names at least two specific volunteer actions (e.g., cleaning a park, reading to children, helping at a food bank).
- Completes a "This helps..." sentence that correctly describes the benefit of a volunteer action.
- Completes an "It matters because..." sentence with a reason connected to community well-being.