

Rights and Responsibilities in the Community

A **community** is a group of people who have something in common. You may belong to a few different ones: for example, your school, family and neighbourhood are all communities.

Being part of a community comes with different **responsibilities**, or things you are **expected** to do – like respecting others and following the rules. It also gives you **rights**, or things you are **allowed** to do – like speaking your mind and sharing your thoughts.



Which of these actions do you think are rights and which are responsibilities?

Circle the correct answer.



You participate in a class discussion.

RIGHT or RESPONSIBILITY



You help your family with household chores.

RIGHT or RESPONSIBILITY



You vote in a federal election (once you turn 18).

RIGHT or RESPONSIBILITY



Your family decides to move to a new city.

RIGHT or RESPONSIBILITY



You wait for the light to turn green before you cross the street.

RIGHT or RESPONSIBILITY



You and the other students help your teacher by keeping the classroom tidy.

RIGHT or RESPONSIBILITY



You eat an apple. Your school has a composting program, so you put the core in the compost instead of the garbage bin.

RIGHT or RESPONSIBILITY



The adults in your family pay taxes (money that governments use for shared things, like hospitals, schools and roads.)

RIGHT or RESPONSIBILITY



You think that recess should be longer. You write a letter about it to the principal and ask your classmates to sign if they agree. This is called starting a petition.

RIGHT or RESPONSIBILITY



You are talking with a friend and disagree with something they say. You explain your opinion to them.

RIGHT or RESPONSIBILITY