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## Build a City: 4th Grade Fiscal Policy Strategy Challenge

Justify public spending choices and predict how tax changes impact a community's neighborhood parks and local fire departments.

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**1. The town of Sunnyvale wants to build a new public library. Where does the government usually get the money to pay for this building?**

- A. By asking citizens to volunteer their time building it
- B. By collecting taxes from people and businesses
- C. By selling toys to children in the park
- D. By winning the lottery every year

**2. True or False: If the government decides to spend less money on fixing roads, they might be trying to save money for a different project.**

- A. True
- B. False

**3. When the government lowers taxes, families usually have \_\_\_\_\_ money to spend at local shops.**

- A. less
- B. no
- C. more
- D. exactly the same

**4. Imagine your city is growing very fast and the schools are crowded. What is a fiscal policy solution a mayor might suggest?**

- A. Close the schools and turn them into malls
- B. Increase government spending to build new classrooms
- C. Pass a law that says children cannot go to school
- D. Wait for a private company to build the schools for free

**5. True or False: Only the President makes decisions about how every single town in America spends its tax money.**

- A. True
- B. False

**6. A government \_\_\_\_\_ is a written plan that shows how much money they expect to collect and how they will spend it.**

- A. script
- B. receipt
- C. allowance
- D. budget

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**7. Which of these is an example of a service paid for by local government spending?**

- A. Building a backyard treehouse
- B. A family's weekly grocery trip
- C. Training town firefighters
- D. Buying a video game for a friend

**8. If a city wants to encourage people to use less electricity, they might put a special \_\_\_\_\_ on high energy use to make it more expensive.**

- A. gift
- B. tax
- C. medal
- D. sticker

**9. True or False: Fiscal policy can affect how many people are able to find jobs in a city.**

- A. True
- B. False

**10. If a government decides to spend money on 'Renewable Energy Research,' what outcome are they likely trying to achieve?**

- A. Finding new ways to power the country without pollution
- B. Forcing everyone to ride bicycles to work
- C. Collecting more money for the mayor's vacation
- D. Making sure the internet is slower on Tuesdays