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Piggy Banks and Public Parks: 2nd Grade Economics Quest

How does your community pay for a new playground? Practice identifying how tax money and government spending build the world around you.

1. When the government decides to build a new public library for children, what are they doing?

- A. Saving all their money in a box
- B. Government spending
- C. Buying a private toy store
- D. Closing down a school

2. True or False: Taxes are small amounts of money people pay to the government to help pay for things like roads and parks.

- A. True
- B. False

3. The money the government collects from people to pay for community helpers is called _____.

- A. Tickets
- B. Allowance
- C. Taxes
- D. Stickers

4. Which of these is a job that is usually paid for by the government using tax money?

- A. A baker making cupcakes
- B. A firefighter
- C. A toy maker
- D. A movie actor

5. If a town builds a new community swimming pool, this is an example of _____.

- A. Government spending
- B. A birthday party
- C. A bank loan
- D. Trading snacks

6. True or False: The government only spends money on things for one person at a time.

- A. True
- B. False

7. Where does the government get the money to fix a broken bridge in your town?

- A. From a hidden treasure chest
- B. From the tooth fairy

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- C. From taxes paid by people
- D. By selling all the trees

8. A _____ is a plan the government makes to decide how much money to spend.

- A. Recipe
- B. Budget
- C. Map
- D. Secret

9. True or False: Police officers are an example of a service provided by the government.

- A. True
- B. False

10. Which of these is NOT something social studies experts call 'public goods' provided by the government?

- A. Street lights
- B. Public schools
- C. Your personal bed at home
- D. National parks