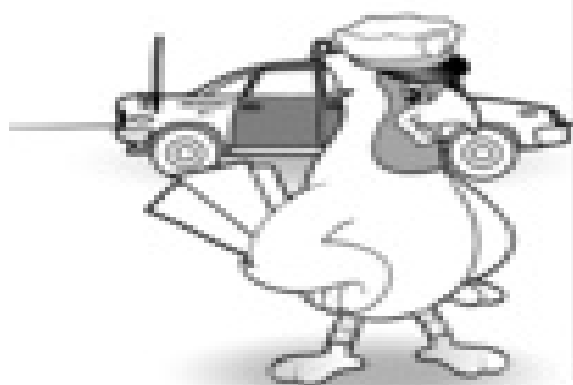


Paying for Community Services

Read the passage.



Have you ever wondered how the government pays for community services? The government collects money from people who live in each community. The money is called a tax. Then the government uses the tax to pay for things the community needs. Taxes are used to pay for places like public schools and parks. Taxes also pay for police cars and fire trucks. Government workers, like state police troops and many teachers, are paid with tax money. The government uses tax money to pay for the services the community needs.

Answer the questions.

1. What are taxes? _____

2. Who pays taxes? _____

3. Name two things taxes pay for. _____

4. Do you think taxes are important? _____ Why or why not?

