Communities Then and Now



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The Big Idea

This book tells about communities and how and why they have changed.

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading:
- Visualize

Comprehension:
- Compare and contrast

Phonics:
- Vowel diphthong /ou/ syllable patterns (around, how, now, town)

Fluency:
- Read commas

Tier Two Vocabulary:
- another, better, easily, fewer

Tier Three Vocabulary:
- airplanes, businesses, cars, city, community, factories, farmers, jobs, laws, need, railroads, routes, school, steel, stores, technology, telephones, town, train, transportation

Grammar, Word Study, and Language Development:
- Use antonyms (buy/sell, same/different, smaller/larger, then/now, want/need)
- Use possesive pronouns "your" and "their"

Sentence Patterns:
- _____ need _____.
- _____ had _____.

* Numerals, vocabulary words on pages 2 and 3, and words in photo captions, labels, diagrams, and charts are not included in the word count for this book.

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I need to know these words.

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city



technology



community



town



laws



transportation



What Is a Community?

A **community** is a place where people live and work together. A community is a place where people play together, too. Communities are all around the world. People long ago lived in communities. People today live in communities, too.



▲ People have always lived in communities.

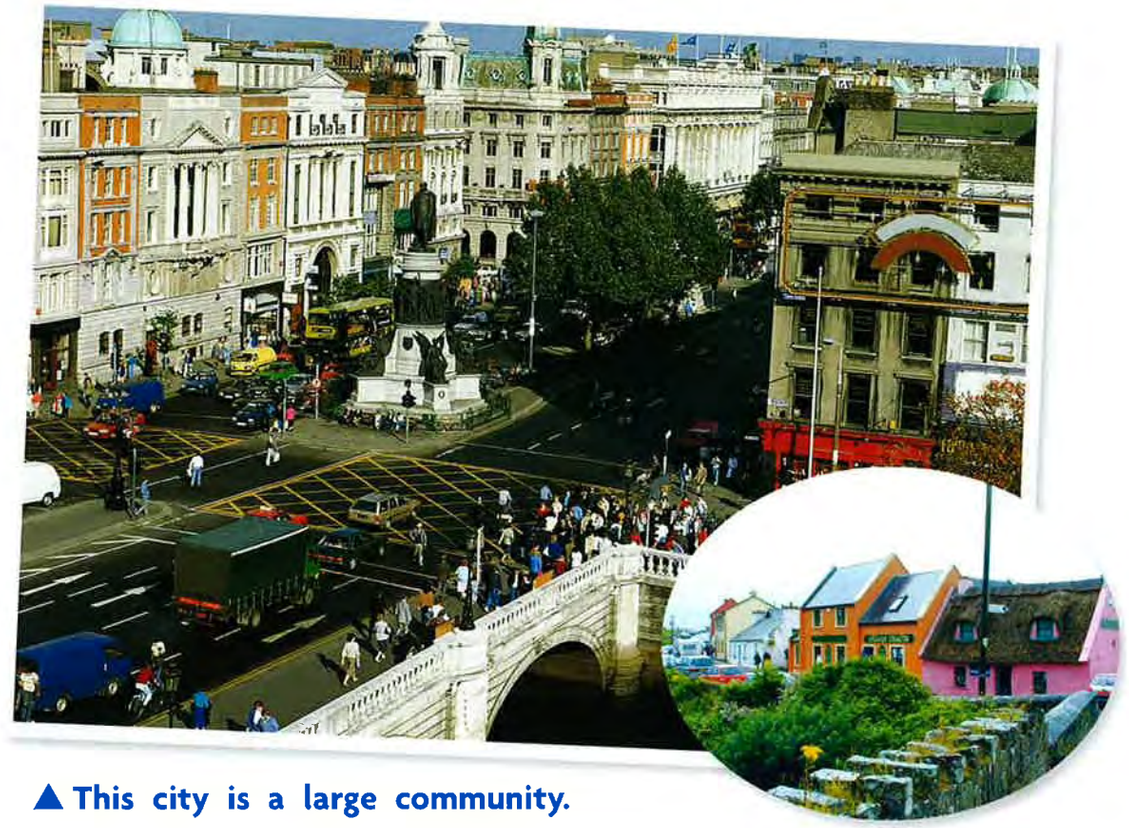
People in communities need the same things. People need places to live. They need food and water. People need jobs and schools. They need **laws**, too. Laws keep a community safe.



▲ Communities have the things people need to live and work together.

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Communities can be many different sizes. A **city** is a big community. Many people live in a city. Cities have many places to work and shop. A **town** is another type of community. Towns are smaller communities. Towns have fewer people. Some towns are close to a city.



▲ This city is a large community.

▲ This town is a smaller community.

The world has more people today than long ago. The world has many more communities now. Many communities today are much larger than communities long ago. How big is your community? Do you live in a city or a town?



▲ People live in many types of communities.

Then and Now

Tokyo is a very big city in Japan. Tokyo is one of the world's largest cities. One million people lived in Tokyo one hundred years ago. Now, more than eight million people live in Tokyo.



▲ Tokyo long ago



▲ Tokyo



▲ Tokyo today

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How Have Communities Changed?

Communities had fewer stores long ago. People could not buy many things. Stores had fewer things to sell. People had to grow their food. People had to make the things they needed or wanted. Many people traveled a long way to buy things.



▲ Most communities did not have big stores long ago.

Communities today have more places to shop. Many stores are much larger than stores long ago. People can buy the things they need and want more easily. People can buy most things in their own communities.



▲ Communities have more places to shop today.

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