

# Unit 1 SOCIAL STUDIES VOCABULARY

## 1 family

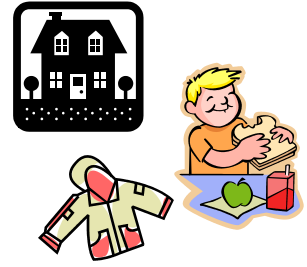
A group of people who love and take care of each other



**Examples:** Families help people meet their basic needs.

## 2 basic needs

Things people need to have to live.



**Example:** Food, clothing, and shelter are basic needs.

## 3 shelter

Another word for house or home



**Examples:** Shelter is a basic need of people.

## 4 community

A place where people live, work and play together.



**Example:** Communities help families meet their basic needs.

## 5 characteristic

a way to describe something

**Example:** Communities have characteristics such as buildings and people.

## 6 setting

when and where a story takes place

**Example:** The setting of the story was a farm long ago.



## 7 location

Where a place is found



**Example:** A community has a location. You can find its location on a map.

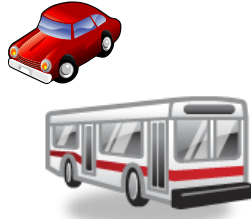
## 8 natural characteristics

Things that were not made by humans.

**Examples:** Tree and lakes are natural characteristics.



**9**  
**transportation**



different ways to move people and goods from one place to another

**Example:** Cars, trains and buses are part of transportation.

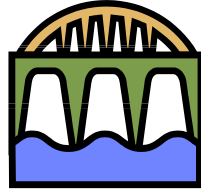
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**businesses**



places where people sell goods and services

**Example:** Restaurants and grocery stores are businesses.

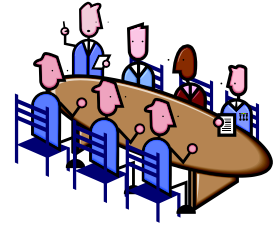
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**human characteristics**



things that were made by humans

**Example:** Bridges, roads, and buildings are human characteristics.

**12**  
**government**



A group of citizens chosen to make and carry out the rules for a community.

**Example:** A community government helps keep people safe.

**13**  
**city**



A community with lots of people and lots of buildings

**Example:** Big cities often have tall buildings called skyscrapers.

**14**  
**small town**



A community with fewer people and buildings than a city

**Example:** Small towns are often in the countryside near farms.

**15**  
**suburban community**



A community near a big city

**Example:** Suburban communities often have shopping malls.