

Seeing the City Take a closer look at the buildings in your neighborhood through active and imaginative activities.

Activity Instructions

Act out what you do in each of these buildings: grocery store, home, library, metro station, and playground. Get creative! Create props from items in your home, dress in costumes, or draw the setting you're acting out.

Once you've acted out what you do there, act out what a community helper who works in that place would do there, including a grocery store clerk, librarian, train conductor, and park ranger.

Now, explore your neighborhood. Walk around and look at the buildings from the outside. Using the back of this sheet, identify buildings you see. When you find one, circle it and/or color it in. If you find one that isn't listed, draw it. Talk together about your observations. Was it easy to get to this place? What buildings are nearby? What do you like or dislike about this place?

When you get home, draw what you remember about your walk below.

See more at-home activities at https://nbm.org/learn/families/

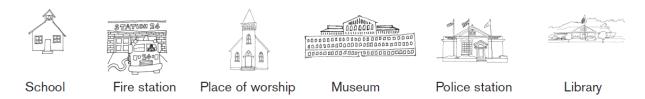
Commercial Buildings

Places where people buy and sell things.



Institutional Buildings

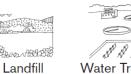
Places where people get help, learn, or receive government services.



Industrial Buildings

Transportation centers and places where things are made, discarded, or processed.













Recycling Center

Airport

Parks and Public Spaces

Places where people play, exercise, or enjoy nature.

