

California Communities

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Research Roadmap

Prepare

1. BEFORE YOU START
Make sure you review the meaning of the key words.
2. LOOK AT THE CASE STUDY
A fire chief is in charge of all the firefighters. It's a big responsibility.
3. CHOOSE A TOPIC
Use the TOPIC FINDER to find more information about government positions in your community. Work with a partner.
4. RESEARCH
Use the TOPIC FINDER to find more information about government positions in your community. Work with a partner.
5. PREPARE
Write down the answers to your questions. Think of other questions your classmates might ask you about the position, and try to answer those, too.

Present

Dress as if you had the government position you researched. Present your job to your class. Answer any questions they have.

Key Terms

city council The legislative branch of local government

city manager The head of a city's executive branch

executive The part of government that makes sure the laws are followed

judicial The part of government that decides what the laws mean and whether the laws follow the Constitution

legislative Having to do with making laws

mayor The head of a city council elected by the community

Key Questions

1. Is a person elected or appointed to the government position?

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2. What kinds of duties are required for the government position?

3. What is a typical day like in the government position?

4. In which branch of the government is the position?
