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# Our Neighbourhood

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## We and Our Surroundings



market	hospital	post office	school	police station	fire station	PCO
letter box	movie hall	general store	dispensary	ISD	shop	clinic
chemist shop	park	lake	club	restaurant	play ground	



### explanation

Children, we all know that the places close to our house make our neighbourhood. The people who live nearby are called our neighbours. We must keep our neighbourhood clean and green. In our neighbourhood we find places like a market, a post office, a school and a hospital. These are there to help us.

Name any two places in your neighbourhood that you have visited with your parents.

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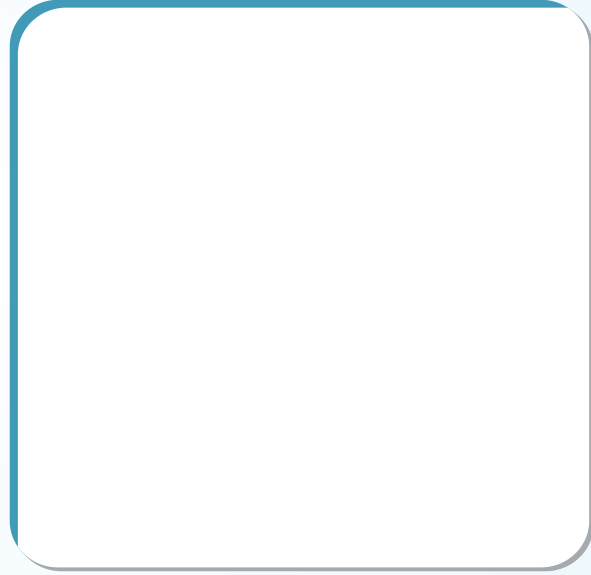
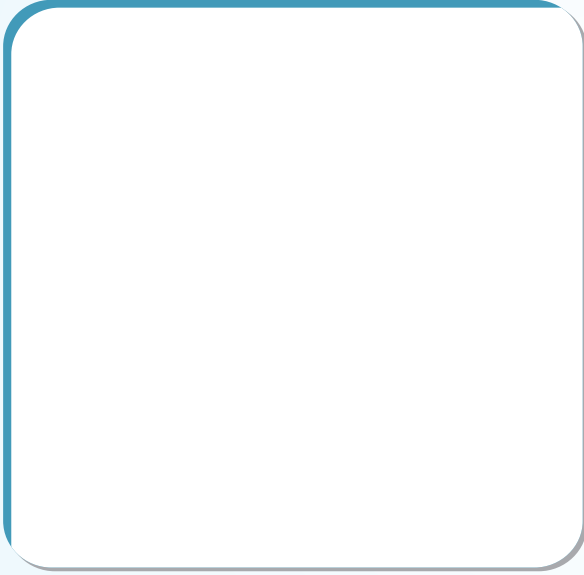
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## activity

Paste or draw pictures of any two things you buy from a market in your neighbourhood.



## explanation

A hospital



Look at the picture and name the special vehicle that is used here.

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## explanation

### A school

Most of the neighbourhoods have schools. Children of the neighbourhood study there. We study, play, learn and make good friends in the school. We have teachers in schools. Without a school, we will have no place to learn new things and would not be able to read and write well.

Where do you meet most of your friends daily?

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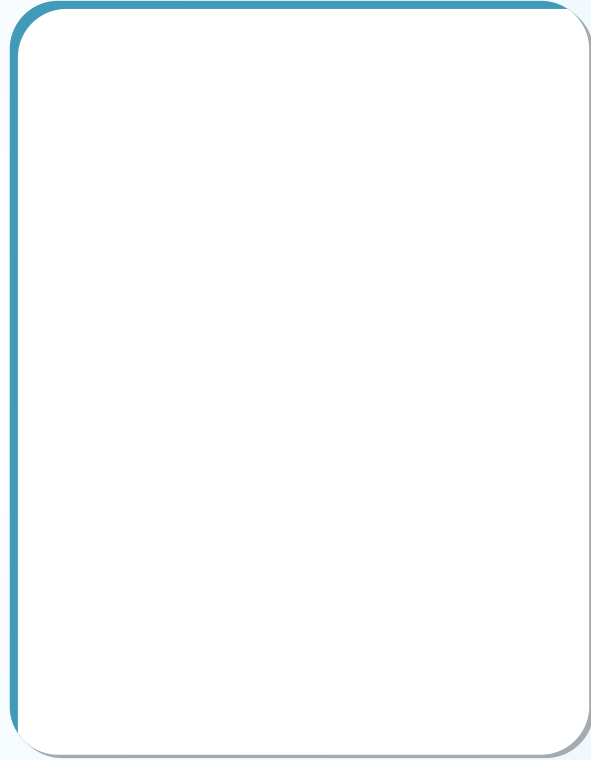
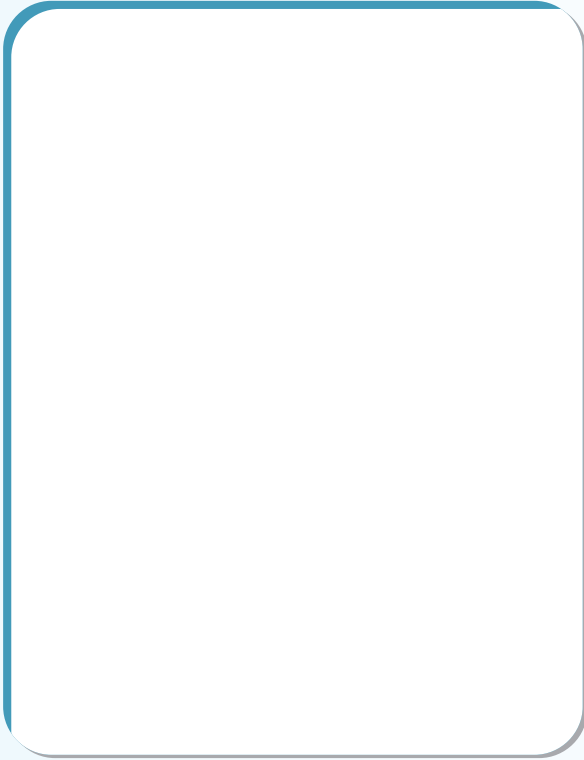
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Draw your friend's face - happy and angry in the boxes below.



### A police station

Some one has broken into Mr. Sharma's house and stolen his valuable things.



Where should Mr. Sharma report the theft?

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Every neighbourhood has a police station. There are policemen in a police station. They help us when we are in trouble. They catch thieves and protect us. They also help us to find our lost items. Our neighbourhood is safe when they are around.



Take a telephone directory of your area and find out the name and telephone number of the police station of your area. Write them below.

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Phone no.:

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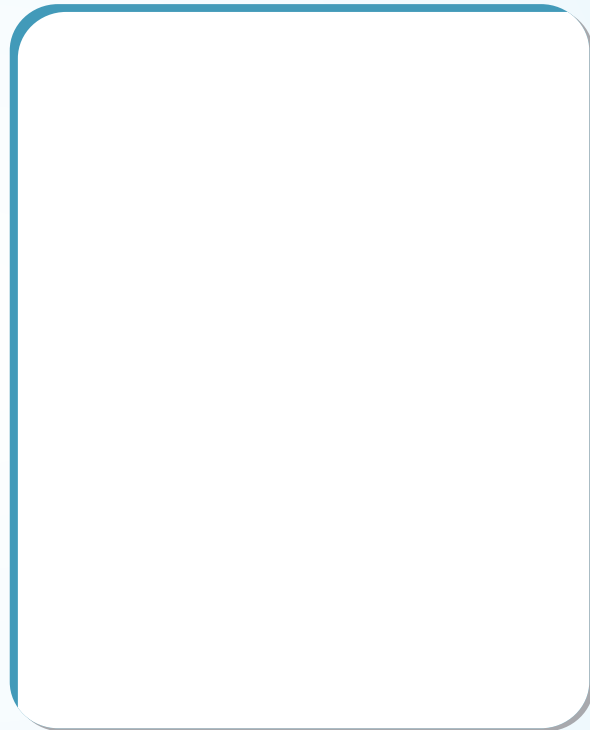
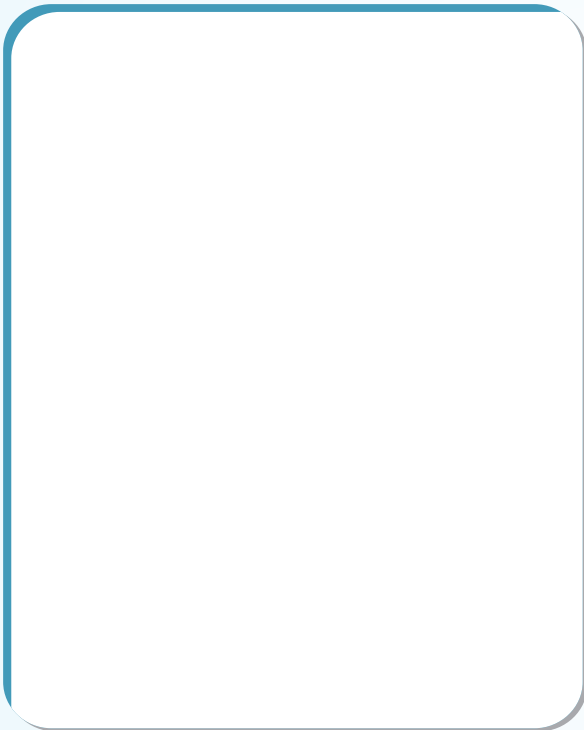
### A fire station

If a building in the neighbourhood catches fire, we call the fire station for help. A fire station has fire-fighters and fire engines. The red fire engines, with their bells ringing, come to save us. The fire-fighters put out the fire. Fire-fighters are brave people. They sometimes lose their lives while saving us. If fire stations were not there, many people would have lost their lives and homes due to fire.



## activity

In the boxes given below, paste pictures of a fire engine and a fire man.







## explanation

### PCO (Public Call Office)

Come, let's have a party tonight at the park in our neighbourhood. I will arrange for pastries, sweets and other things that we like to eat.



Around ten years ago, most neighbourhoods had one or more PCOs (Public Call Offices). Nowadays, these PCOs are seen only in small towns and villages. They offer local, STD and International call facilities. From the PCO, we can make telephone calls to friends or relatives in our city. Such calls are called local calls. When we want to call friends living in other cities, we make STD calls. When we want to talk to people living in other countries, we make ISD calls. Talking to our friends and relatives would have been difficult if we did not have PCO in our neighbourhood. With growing usage of mobile phones, demand of Public pay phones and PCOs declined. In the coming years these mobile phones would completely take over the PCOs.



## activity

**Do a role play, enact the part where you are talking on the phone to your friend, inviting him/her to your house for a fancy dress party.**

Write down what you will say to your friend in the lines given below.

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## explanation

### A park

We also find parks in our neighbourhood. Children go to the park to play. People go to the park for a walk. Sometimes, we go to parks for picnics. Some parks also have lakes and people do boating in these lakes. All parks need to be cleaned properly. The plants and trees need to be pruned regularly to make them look good. We feel very relaxed when we go to a park.

Write down the ways by which you can keep your park clean.

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## Other places found in a neighbourhood

There are some other places that are found in our neighbourhood like clubs, movie halls, restaurants, etc. They are all there to provide us entertainment. Banks and post offices are also there in our neighbourhood.

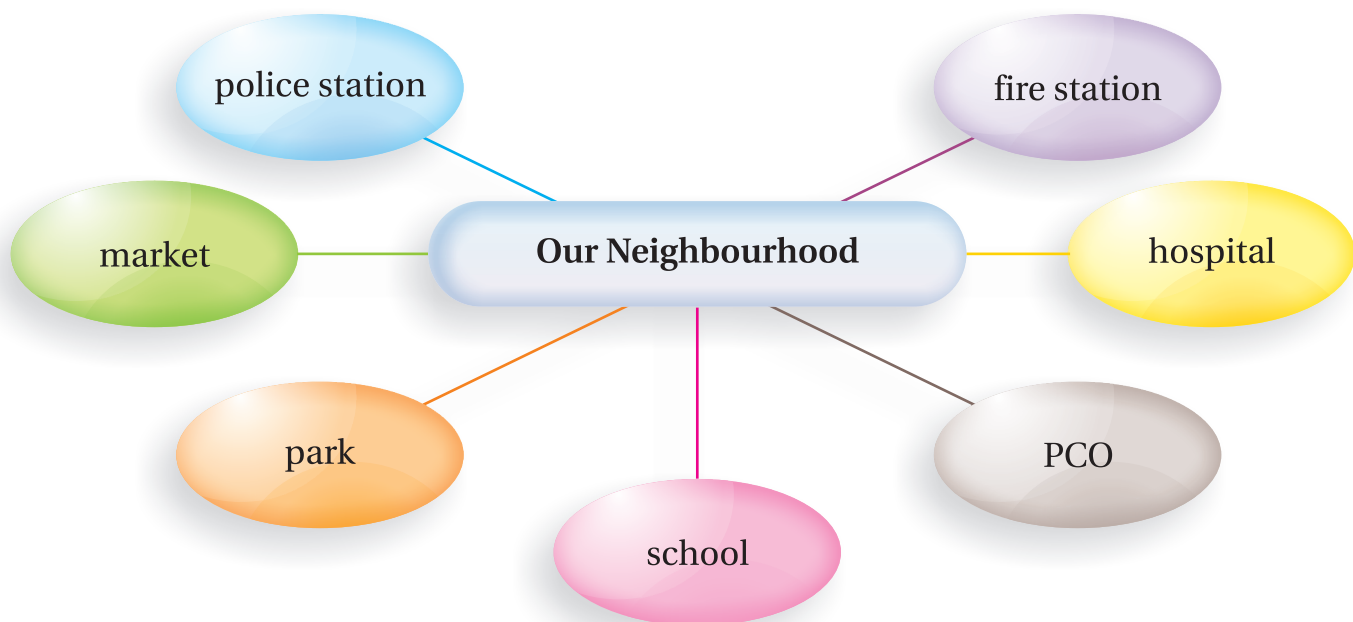


Open the Yellow Pages of your directory and find out the names of different clubs, movie halls and restaurants in and around your neighbourhood.

What more, according to you, should be there in your neighbourhood?




Conclusion: Let's remember what we have learnt.









**B. Where should these people go for help?**

1. Shreya has high fever.

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2. Raj has lost his cycle.

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3. Arvind wants to post a letter.

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4. John wants to buy milk.

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5. Rashmi wants to talk to her sister in the  
United States of America.

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**C. Write (T) for true and (F) for false.**

1. If you want to buy a stamp, you will go to a PCO.

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2. If you want to make calls, you will go to a hospital.

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3. Firemen help in putting out the fire.

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4. If someone steals your car, you will go to a milk booth.

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5. A shopkeeper sells things.

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D. Match the pictures with the words.

1. market



2. school



3. police station



4. hospital



5. fire station



6. PCO



## project report

Visit any one place like the post office, hospital, bank or a market near your school. Collect items from the place you visit and stick them in your project file. For example, if you have been to a post office, get an envelope or a stamp. From a hospital you can get a prescription and from a market you can get a cash memo.



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