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Preparing for Your Task

A Look at the pictures of different places in a typical community. The descriptions below relate to one or more of the places. Write the numbers of the places next to the phrases. Phrases can apply to more than one picture.



- _____ a. provides a place to share common interests
- _____ b. provides cultural enrichment
- _____ c. meets the needs of many
- _____ d. provides a place for children to play
- _____ e. provides entertainment
- _____ f. provides medical care
- _____ g. promotes a healthy lifestyle
- _____ h. provides a place to keep fit

B Now work with a partner. Discuss what each of the facilities above has to offer, using the phrases from Part A. Decide which of the facilities are important for your community. Give reasons.

These phrases may be helpful:

This is better than ...

It's much more fun to have a ... than ...

There's more to do ... than

... is only for some people

Everyone needs ...

Most people want ...

Not everyone wants / needs ...

It's important for families to have ...

A neighborhood really needs ...

Young people / elderly people would definitely prefer ...

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Completing Your Task

A Your community has decided to hold a public meeting to discuss which of these facilities to budget for in the coming year: a library, a hospital, an indoor sports facility, a park with playground facilities or a theater. Residents in the community will have the opportunity to express their opinions.

Work with a partner. Rank the facilities (1-5) in the order of importance to your community. Reach a consensus regarding which facility is the most important. Prepare what you would say at the community meeting in order to convince others of your choice.

_____ library

_____ hospital

_____ gym

_____ playground

_____ theater

These phrases may be helpful:

I believe that a ... is a must ...

I must admit that ...

In my opinion ...

I might be wrong but ...

I'd rather / prefer ...

I think it's important that ...

As I see it ...

Most people would prefer ...

From my experience ...

B Make your presentation to the class.

Sample Answer

Our community doesn't have its own hospital, and it's important for every community to have a hospital. In the case of an emergency, an accident, or when having a baby, for example, people need to be able to get medical help quickly, and having a hospital nearby would allow that to happen. While many people might prefer a place that offers fun activities like a sports facility or a park, we believe that a hospital is a must.