Find it in Tax Town

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Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Color the key boxes. 2. Color each place by who runs it. Leave Home white. 3. With a pencil, trace a path on the dotted streets from Home to the Library. Pass at least two tax-paid places.

☐ **Government (paid for with taxes)**

☐ **Business (you pay when you buy)**

MAIN STREET



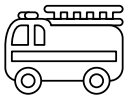
Home



Pizza place



Public school



Fire station

OAK STREET



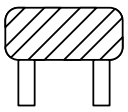
Public park



Police station



Toy store

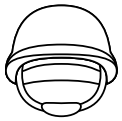


Street repair crew

PINE STREET



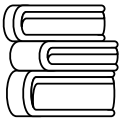
Barber shop



Army base



Bike shop



Library

PEACH AVENUE

Count and solve

Government places I found: _____ Businesses I found: _____

Tax puzzle: In Macon, sales tax is 8 cents for every dollar. You buy a $5 toy. How many cents of tax do you pay? (Hint: 8 cents for each of the 5 dollars.)

Answer: _____ cents

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For grown-ups

What this sheet practices

GA standard SS3E2: governments provide some goods and services in a market economy, including schools, libraries, roads, police and fire protection, and the military, and pay for them through taxes.

How to use it in 5 to 10 minutes

1. Ask: who pays the firefighters if nobody buys a ticket for a fire? Let your child guess, then name taxes.
2. Color the key and the twelve places, then trace the path from Home to the Library.
3. Count both kinds and do the tax puzzle. Talk about which places your family used this week.

Answer key and what to look for

Government (7): public school, fire station, public park, police station, street repair crew, Army base, library.

Business (4): pizza place, toy store, barber shop, bike shop. Home is neither, and many paths work.

Tax puzzle: 40 cents (8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 8). Bibb County, home of Macon, had an 8% total sales tax rate from October 1 to December 31, 2026 (Georgia Department of Revenue).

Look for: the idea that everyone pays a share through taxes, so everyone can use the place. Private schools and security guards exist too, paid by the people who use them.

One question to talk about

Which tax-paid place did you use this week, and what would it be like if it had a ticket booth?