

NCERT Solutions Class 6 Social Science

(Exploring Society India and Beyond)

Chapter 9 Family and Community

The Big Questions (Page 137)

Question 1. Why is the family unit important?

Answer: The family unit is important because it provides emotional support, nurtures personal development, ensures economic stability, and fosters socialization. It acts as a foundational social structure, offering love, care, and guidance, while instilling values, traditions, and a sense of identity in its members.

Question 2. What is a community and what is its role? (Easy)

Answer: A community is a group of people living or working together with common interests. Its role is to support and help its members, organise events, and manage shared resources to improve everyone's quality of life.

Let's Explore:

Question 1. What types of families do you see in your neighbourhood? List the type with the number of households for each type.

Answer: I see the following types of families in my neighbourhood

- Children living with their parents
- Children living with a single parent
- Children living with their grandparents and parents
- Children living with their grandparents, parents, uncles, aunts and cousins

Type of families in my neighbourhood	Number of households
1. Children living with both parents	5



2. Children living with a single parent	1
3. Children living with their grandparents and parents	3
4. Children living with grandparents, parents, uncles, aunts and cousins	2

Question 2. What types are more frequent? Why do you think this is so?

Answer: Do it yourself

Question 3. Why. do you think Shalini's parents bought clothes for everyone? (Page 141)

Answer: Family relations are based on love, care, and affection. Each member of the family has a role and responsibility towards other members. Shalini's parents bought clothes for everyone to show their love and support for her uncle and aunt.

Question 4. What would you have done if you were in Shalini's place?(Page 141)

Answer: If I was in Shalini's place, I would be happy that everyone in my family could get some new clothes for the festival of Onam. Even if I had to settle for a cotton cloth, instead of a silk cloth, I would have been happy as family members supports each other. Moreover, it is good to see everyone happy in the family.

Question 5. Create a story of a family somewhere in India, where we see some family values practised. Share it with your class either through writing or drawing.

Answer: Ramesh, his wife, Sita and their two children, Ravi and Priya, lived in a small village in India. One day, Ramesh's mother, who lived with them, fell ill. Everyone became concerned about her health. Sita took care of her by looking after her needs, cooking her favourite food and giving her medicine. Ravi and Priya helped their mother in the household chores. Ramesh worked hard in a nearby construction site to earn money for her treatment.

When Ramesh's mother recovered, the family was happy. They sat together, shared food, and thanked each other for their support. Ramesh said, "We are strong because we are together." Sita added, "We help each other, that's what family is for." Ravi and Priya



learned that family values like love, care and support are important.
This family showed values like

- Respect for elders
- Care for each other
- Teamwork
- Gratitude

They proved that simple acts of love and kindness make a family strong.

Think About It:

Question 1. Why does Tenzing's father consult his wife for special expenses? (Page 142)

Answer:

- Shared Decision-Making: In some cultures, financial decisions, even for special expenses, are made jointly by spouses.
- Respect and Partnership: Consulting his wife could be a sign of respect for her opinion and a way to involve her in financial decisions impacting the entire family.
- Budgeting and Planning: Perhaps Tenzing's father values his wife's input in planning and budgeting for the household.

Questions, Activities And Projects (Page 148):

Question 1. What are some of the rules you follow in your family and neighbourhood? Why are they important?

Answer: Some of the rules that I follow in my family are as follows

- Share household chores and responsibilities.
- Respect elders and maintain a healthy relationship with everyone.
- Wake up early and sleep early.
- Keep the house clean.

Some of the rules that I follow in my neighbourhood are as follows

- Throw garbage at designated places.
- Avoid creating unnecessary noise.
- Respect elders and help them.
- Follow parking and traffic rules.

These rules are important to maintain a harmonious relationship in the family and neighbourhood.



Question 2. Do you think some rules are unfair to a few people in the family or community? Why?

Answer: Some rules may unfairly impact individuals, like strict curfews for teenagers or imbalanced chore distribution. Fairness in rules requires adjusting them to meet everyone's needs and considering individual circumstances to avoid undue burden.

Question 3. Describe several situations that you have observed where community support makes a difference. You can draw or write about these.

Answer: Disaster Relief: After natural disasters like floods or earthquakes, communities often come together to provide immediate relief through donations, volunteer work, and rebuilding efforts, significantly aiding recovery.

Health Crises: During health crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, communities support each other by organizing food drives, providing masks and sanitizers, and offering emotional support to frontline workers.

Educational Support: Communities frequently create programs like tutoring or scholarship funds to help students from underprivileged backgrounds succeed academically.

Elderly Care: Neighborhoods may establish senior centers or volunteer programs to provide companionship, assistance with daily tasks, and social activities for the elderly, enhancing their quality of life.

