

A row of modern brick townhouses with white railings and small trees in front. The houses are two stories high with gabled roofs and white trim. The scene is set on a sunny day with a blue sky and scattered clouds. A paved road is visible in the foreground.

**Social
Studies
Unit 2**

COMMUNITIES



Hi! My name is Josue. My family and I are getting ready to move into our new house. I'm so excited because this is a different **community** than the one that I used to live in. Did you know that there are different types of communities all over the world?

Vocabulary:

community: a group of people that live in the same place



Some people live in **urban** communities. These places may have many buildings that are close together and super tall. Those tall buildings are called **skyscrapers**. Many times people in these communities travel by bus, taxi, subway, or even by walking. A lot of times people in urban communities live in apartments or townhouses because there is not that much space.

Vocabulary:

urban: relating to the city

Vocabulary:

suburban: the area
right outside the city



Other people may live in **suburban** communities.

These are areas that can usually be found right outside the city.

These homes are different than what you might see in urban communities because they are not as close together.

Vocabulary:

rural: relating to the
country



Look at this community. How is it different than urban and suburban communities? This is a **rural** community. The homes are usually far apart with lots of land between them. Which one of these communities looks like where you live?



Although the communities may look different, they have many things in common. They have hospitals and schools. However, some rural communities will share these places because they are so spread out. They also have places such as police and fire stations.



Well, I have to go now. I finally got all of my things unpacked, I'm ready to take my bike and go exploring. I can't wait to see all of the places and things in my new community.