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Volunteering in Your Community: Comprehension

Nonfiction: Community · about 205 words

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Volunteering helps the people and places that receive help. But it also helps the volunteers. Research has found that people who volunteer often feel happier and more connected to others. Kids who volunteer can learn new skills, like teamwork, leadership, and responsibility. They also meet people from different backgrounds.

If you want to volunteer, start by thinking about what you care about. Do you love animals? An animal shelter may need help collecting blankets. Do you care about the environment? Join a park cleanup. Ask a parent or teacher to help you find a safe way to get involved. Remember, you don't have to be an adult to make your community a better place.

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   C. what volunteering is and how kids can help their community D. the history of food banks

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3. **Detail:** Which is an example of kids volunteering?

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