



## Seeing the City

Take a closer look at the buildings in your neighborhood through active and imaginative activities.

### Activity Instructions

Act out what you do in each of these buildings: grocery store, home, library, metro station, and playground. Get creative! Create props from items in your home, dress in costumes, or draw the setting you're acting out.

Once you've acted out what you do there, act out what a community helper who works in that place would do there, including a grocery store clerk, librarian, train conductor, and park ranger.

Now, explore your neighborhood. Walk around and look at the buildings from the outside. Using the back of this sheet, identify buildings you see. When you find one, circle it and/or color it in. If you find one that isn't listed, draw it. Talk together about your observations. Was it easy to get to this place? What buildings are nearby? What do you like or dislike about this place?

When you get home, draw what you remember about your walk below.

A large, empty rounded rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing or sketching buildings from a neighborhood walk.

See more at-home activities at [nbm.org/learn/families/](https://www.nbm.org/learn/families/)

## Commercial Buildings

Places where people buy and sell things.



Grocery store



Pharmacy



Clothing store



Bank



Office building



Shopping mall

## Residential Buildings

Places where people live.



Single family house



Apartment



Townhouse



Duplex



Retirement home



Mobile home

## Institutional Buildings

Places where people get help, learn, or receive government services.



School



Fire station



Place of worship



Museum



Police station



Library

## Industrial Buildings

Transportation centers and places where things are made, discarded, or processed.



Factory



Landfill



Water Treatment



Power Plant



Recycling Center



Airport

## Parks and Public Spaces

Places where people play, exercise, or enjoy nature.



Monument



Park



Playground



National Mall



Bike trail



Town square