

Everyone Pays Taxes





Who Pays?

A student wakes up, turns on her light, and eats. She brushes her teeth. She takes a bus to school and back home again. After school, she plays soccer at a local park. Then, she eats a tasty meal with her family.

Who pays for the electricity and water she uses in her house? Who pays for the bus and the school? Who pays for the field where she plays soccer? Who makes sure her food is safe and healthy?



You might say her parents pay for the food, electricity, and water. Her city pays for the bus. The school district pays for the school. The county pays for the field.

These things often cost more than individual people or groups pay. Many of these things are paid for by **taxes**. But what exactly are taxes?



The Super Duper Slooper Book of Slime

As soon as the bell rings, Paula sprints out of her classroom, past the lunchroom, and toward the library.

"Walk!" shouts Ms. Flowers.

"I am walking!"

"No, you're not!"

Paula slows to a speed walk and says, "I have to get to the book fair! The new *Super Duper Slooper Book of Slime* just came out. It has a hundred slime recipes, including one for magnetic slime!"



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