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Which Street Does the Snowplow Reach First?

Circle group

After a big snowfall, a town cannot plow every street at once. It has only so many plows and drivers. So public works crews follow a plan. The plan lists which roads come first.

The most important roads go at the top. These are the wide main streets with the most cars. They also include the routes to hospitals, fire stations and police stations. Ambulances and fire trucks must get through. So those paths are cleared first. Roads with buses come next. Then people can get to work and school.

Small side streets and dead ends come later. Your own street may have to wait. That can feel unfair if you live on a quiet street. But the plan is made to keep people safe. It helps the most people first.

Residents can help too. In many towns, they are asked to move parked cars off the street. Then the plow can pass. They can also shovel the sidewalk by their homes. Some towns share a map online. It shows which streets are plowed.

Questions

1. Why can a town not plow every street at once?

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2. Which roads does the plan put first?

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3. Why are routes to fire stations cleared first?

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4. When are small side streets usually plowed?

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5. How can residents help the plows?

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6. Why might the plan feel unfair but still make sense?

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Words to know

crews: groups of workers who do a job together
routes: the roads or paths used to get somewhere
ambulances: vehicles that rush sick or hurt people to the hospital
residents: people who live in a certain place
sidewalk: a paved path beside a street for people on foot

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Which Street Does the Snowplow Reach First?

Triangle group

After a big snowfall, a town cannot plow every street at once. There are only so many plows and drivers. So many public works crews follow a plan that lists which roads come first.

The plan usually puts the most important roads at the top. These are the wide main streets that carry the most cars, along with the routes to hospitals, fire stations and police stations. Ambulances and fire trucks must be able to get through, so clearing their paths is the first job. Roads where buses travel often come next, so that people can get to work and school.

Small side streets and dead ends come later, which is why your own street may have to wait. This order can feel unfair if you live on a quiet street. But the plan is built to keep people safe and to help the most people first.

Residents can help too. In many towns, they are asked to move parked cars off the street so the plow can pass. They can also shovel the sidewalk in front of their homes. Some towns even share a map online that shows which streets have been plowed.

Questions

1. Why can a town not plow every street at once?

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2. Which roads does the plan usually put first?

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3. Why are routes to fire stations cleared first?

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Which Street Does the Snowplow Reach First?

Square group

Following a heavy snowfall, a town cannot possibly plow every street at the same moment, because it owns only a limited number of plows and drivers. For that reason, many public works crews follow a detailed plan that specifies which roads must be cleared first.

The plan typically places the most essential roads at the top. These include the wide main streets that carry the greatest number of cars, along with the routes leading to hospitals, fire stations and police stations. Ambulances and fire trucks must be able to travel through without delay, so clearing their paths is the initial task. Roads used by buses generally come next, so that people can reach their jobs and schools.

Small side streets and dead ends are handled later, which explains why your own street might have to wait. This order can seem unfair to anyone living on a quiet street. However, the plan is designed to protect safety and to assist the largest number of people first.

Residents are able to cooperate as well. In many towns, they are asked to move parked cars off the street so that the plow can pass, and they can shovel the sidewalk in front of their homes. Certain towns even publish an online map that shows which streets have already been plowed.

Questions

1. Why can a town not plow every street at the same moment?

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2. Which roads does the plan typically place first?

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3. Why are routes to fire stations cleared first?

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4. When are small side streets usually handled?

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5. How can residents cooperate with the plows?

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6. Why might the plan seem unfair but still be sensible?

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For the teacher: Which Street Does the Snowplow Reach First?

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Which Street Does the Snowplow Reach First?

Easier · 174 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2

1. It has only so many plows and drivers.
2. Wide main streets and routes to hospitals, fire stations and police stations.
3. Ambulances and fire trucks must get through.
4. Later, after the more important roads.
5. They can move parked cars off the street and shovel their sidewalks.
6. It keeps people safe and helps the most people first, even if some streets wait.

Triangle: Which Street Does the Snowplow Reach First?

This passage · 194 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.7

1. There are only so many plows and drivers.
2. Wide main streets and routes to hospitals, fire stations and police stations.
3. Ambulances and fire trucks must be able to get through.
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Square: Which Street Does the Snowplow Reach First?

Harder · 217 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 8.3

1. It owns only a limited number of plows and drivers.
2. Wide main streets and routes leading to hospitals, fire stations and police stations.
3. Ambulances and fire trucks must be able to travel through without delay.
4. Later, after the more essential roads.
5. They can move parked cars off the street and shovel the sidewalk in front of their homes.
6. It protects safety and assists the largest number of people first, even if some streets must wait.