

# Defining Community

*An activity of "A snapshot of Shanghai under lockdown"*

The article **"A snapshot of Shanghai under lockdown"** (pages 10, *What's Up* May 2022) brings up the idea of community. What does community mean to you? Can you belong to more than one community? What does "a sense of community" mean? Let's discuss!

**Step 1:** Read the statements below. Decide if you strongly agree (SA), agree (A), disagree (D), or strongly disagree (SD) with each one. Circle your responses.

Statement	My opinion
a) A community is made up of people who are the same.	SA A D SD
b) There are certain rules to join a community. Not just anyone can belong.	SA A D SD
c) Joining a community means giving up some of your individual identity.	SA A D SD
d) All members of a community must like one another for it to be a good community.	SA A D SD
e) One example of a community is your class.	SA A D SD
f) Everyone needs to belong to at least one community.	SA A D SD

**Step 2:** Share your responses with your partner, giving reasons for your choices.

**Step 3:** Get into groups of four and discuss the questions on Page 2. Write down your answers in the spaces provided.

**Step 4:** Present your answers to the class.



### 3. What is a community?

What are the characteristics of a community?

Why do people join communities?

What are some problems a community may face?

What makes a good community?

How can you contribute to your communities?

What are some communities you belong to?