

 **BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET**

Exploring government agencies

There are many government agencies in the United States that are dedicated to helping the American people with risks.

Instructions

- 1 Review the “Examples of federal agencies that help manage risks” handout.
- 2 In the matching game section on this worksheet, write the abbreviation or acronym of the agency that best fits the scenarios.
- 3 Answer the “Digging deeper” question.

Government agencies are often referred to by their acronym. An acronym is an abbreviation in which a word is formed by taking the first letters of other words. For example, NASA stands for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. “NASA” is much easier to say, so people often use the acronym when talking about this government agency.

Matching game

Government agencies

Match each real-world scenario on the next page with the agency in the list below that would best help a person in that situation.



Consumer Financial Protection Bureau



Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation



Federal Emergency Management Agency



Federal Trade Commission



Department of Transportation



National Credit Union Administration



Social Security Administration



Scenario	Agency
1. I'm interested in banking at a credit union. I want to make sure the money I deposit in the credit union is insured so it'll be protected. What government agency is responsible for providing this protection?	
2. My grandmother is about to retire. Which government agency will help her with her retirement benefits?	
3. My cousin needs help figuring out how to get an auto loan. Which agency has tools to help him?	
4. When I opened a new account at a bank, they told me that my money is insured so that my deposits are safe. Which government agency is responsible for providing these protections?	
5. My mom had to take her car to the dealer for repairs when she learned that it had faulty airbags. Which agency tells us when this kind of thing happens?	
6. Our home was terribly damaged in a hurricane. My family needs immediate help with a place to stay and needs help figuring out how to save our house. Which government agency should we contact?	
7. My aunt wants to file a complaint about a company that is involved in dishonest and unfair business practices that include problems with data security, deceptive advertising, and identity theft. Which government agency should she contact?	

Digging deeper

Imagine that you could have a summer internship at one of these government agencies. You could learn all about the work they do. You also could help them plan activities and things they can do to help students better understand the importance of the protections they provide and the work they do. Which agency would you choose and why?