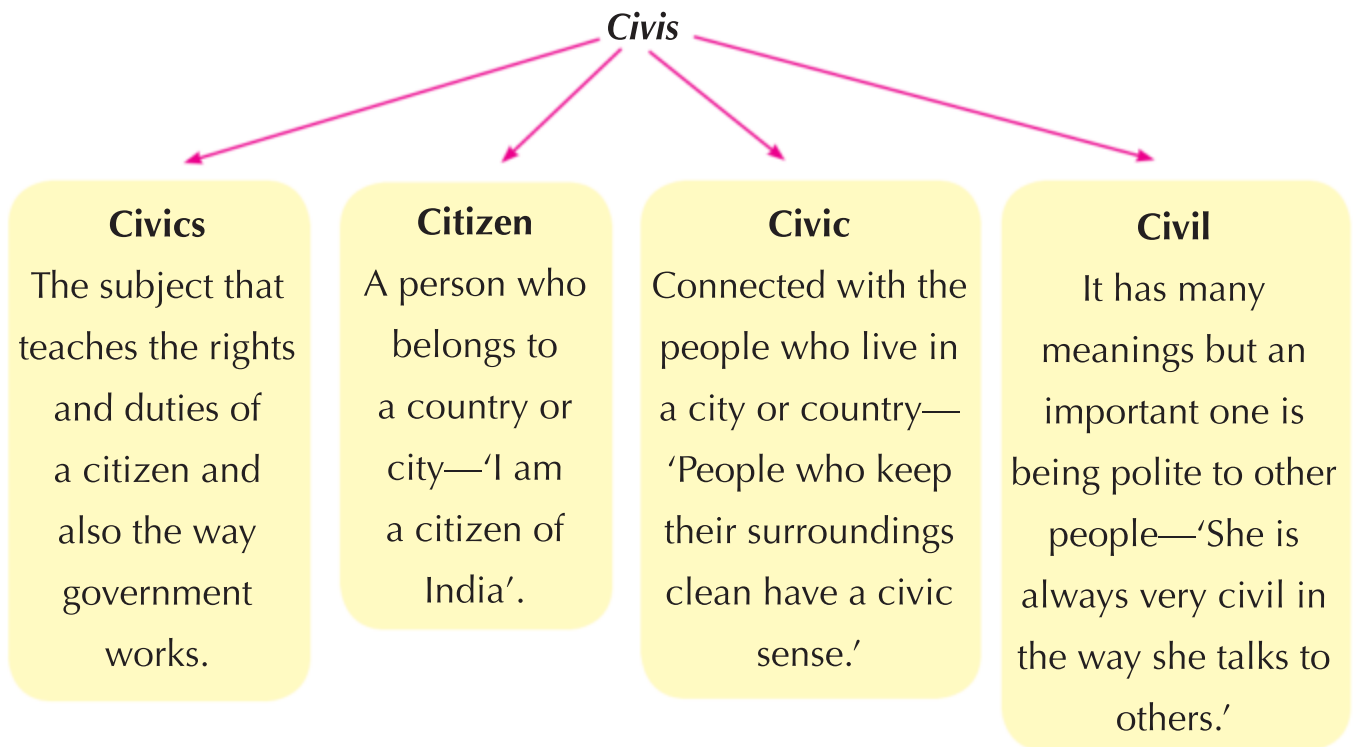# Responsibilities of a Good Citizen

The word 'citizen' has its origin in '*civis*'. This is a word in the ancient language, Latin, and means a person who lives in a city or a country. From '*civis*', we also get the word civics. These are some words in English that come from '*civis*'.

Civis

Civics	Citizen	Civic	Civil
The subject that teaches the rights and duties of a citizen and also the way government works.	A person who belongs to a country or city—'I am a citizen of India'.	Connected with the people who live in a city or country—'People who keep their surroundings clean have a civic sense.'	It has many meanings but an important one is being polite to other people—'She is always very civil in the way she talks to others.'

In civics we learn several things: how government works, our rights (things which the law says we must have, like the right to freedom) and the duties of a person who is a citizen. Citizens have duties and responsibilities towards the place where they live. You will learn about these in the next chapter.

Throughout school, as you go from one class to another, you will learn many things in civics. These are interesting to know because it is about our present, the 'now'. It is about how governments work and what we should do to make our society better. As you learn about these things, you will realize how important it is to be an active and good citizen.

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