



**TASK CARD 1**

**How Are Laws Made?**

Read the information on the NiE page and answer the following questions.

1. The Commonwealth Government can also be referred to as what?
2. What is 'legislation'?
3. Which level of government covers laws to do with Education?
4. Before a new law or a change in law can exist, what must be proposed?
5. What is the role of the Constitution?
6. Who is the 'Head of State'?
7. For Commonwealth Law, who 'assents' the new law?
8. What does the word 'assent' mean in this article?
9. Which House of Parliament does Queensland not have?
10. What type of laws do judges make?

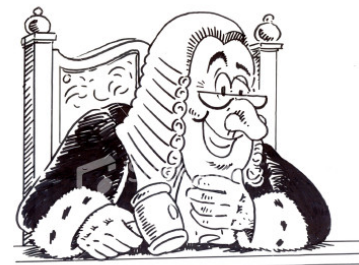


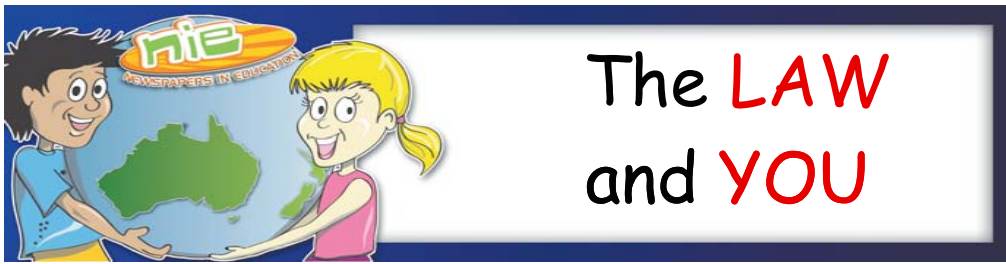
**TASK CARD 2**

**Jobs in Law**

There are many different jobs within the area of law. See if you can match these job titles with their correct description.

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| <b>Attorney</b>           | - those who enforce the law by responding to reports of crime, apprehending suspects and investigating unlawful activities.  |
| <b>Bailiff</b>            | - the person who oversees a court of law and interprets the law to resolve a trial or issue  |
| <b>Barrister</b>          | - the person who presides over the Magistrates Court or Local Court  |
| <b>Correction Officer</b> | - a member of the legal profession qualified and licensed to represent a client in court.  |
| <b>Judge</b>              | - duties in this area of law range from monitoring activities of inmates, maintaining security, providing educational programs and transporting inmates to and from court. |
| <b>Lawyer</b>             | - an officer who enforces court orders, assists in the orderly conduct of court sittings and announces the opening and closing of court as well as the day's cases.        |
| <b>Magistrate</b>         | - someone who provides advice and aid on legal matters.  |
| <b>Police Officer</b>     | - someone trained in the field of law who speaks with clients, prepares legal documents and may represent their client in lower courts.                                    |
| <b>Solicitor</b>          | - the person who generally performs trial work usually in the higher courts and does not deal directly with clients.   |





# The LAW and YOU

TASK CARD 3

## Crime & Punishment

Number the following crimes in order from 1 ( the most serious) to 10 the least serious. Write down what you think the punishment should be for each?

### CRIME

### PUNISHMENT

Armed Robbery	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Shoplifting	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Damaging Property	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Murder	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Physical Assault	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Buying / selling illegal drugs	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Cyber bullying	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Hooning	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Drawing Graffiti on public property	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Riding a bike wearing no helmet	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____



# The LAW and YOU

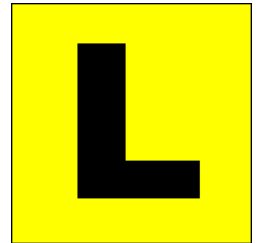
TASK CARD 4

## At What Age?

There are ways that the law affects you at different ages. Find out at what age the following applies in your State / Territory.

At what age can you?

- Get married without your parent's permission
- Leave school
- Buy cigarettes
- Apply for a driving Learners Permit
- Get your own Medicare Card
- Buy alcohol and drink in public bars
- Get a full time job
- Be charged as an adult for a criminal offence
- Vote in a Local, State or Federal Election
- Get a tattoo





TASK CARD 5

# The LAW and YOU

## Television Law

Have a look at the Television Guide in the newspaper. List all the programs that have story lines that are about the law.

Do you think they portray the Law well?

From which country do most of the programs come from? Why?



TASK CARD 6

# The LAW and YOU

## A Legal Story

Read the following story and decide what the crime is and what should happen to the person involved if caught.

### Youths play chicken with traffic

YOUTHS are still risking their lives by playing chicken with traffic on the Pacific Highway in Ballina – even lying down in front of oncoming trucks. One resident fears that someone is going to get killed in the dangerous practice of running in front of oncoming traffic in Kerr Street, then getting out of the way at the last minute.

“Someone is going to get hurt. Just watching it, it’s horrifying.” The incident was reported to police who attended the scene, but the youth had taken off. However, the sight of the police wasn’t enough to deter the youth. “The police wouldn’t have been back at the station and the youth was out there again,” the resident said.

“And that’s when a truck had to brake and swerve.” The resident said they saw the youth lying down on the road. They said the heavy vehicle had to stop that quickly it caused the trailer to shudder and start to jack-knife. Another truck travelling in the opposite direction saw the incident and pulled over. The resident said they then saw both drivers on the phone, and the police returned to the scene.

- Find and cut out other stories in the paper that are about the law.



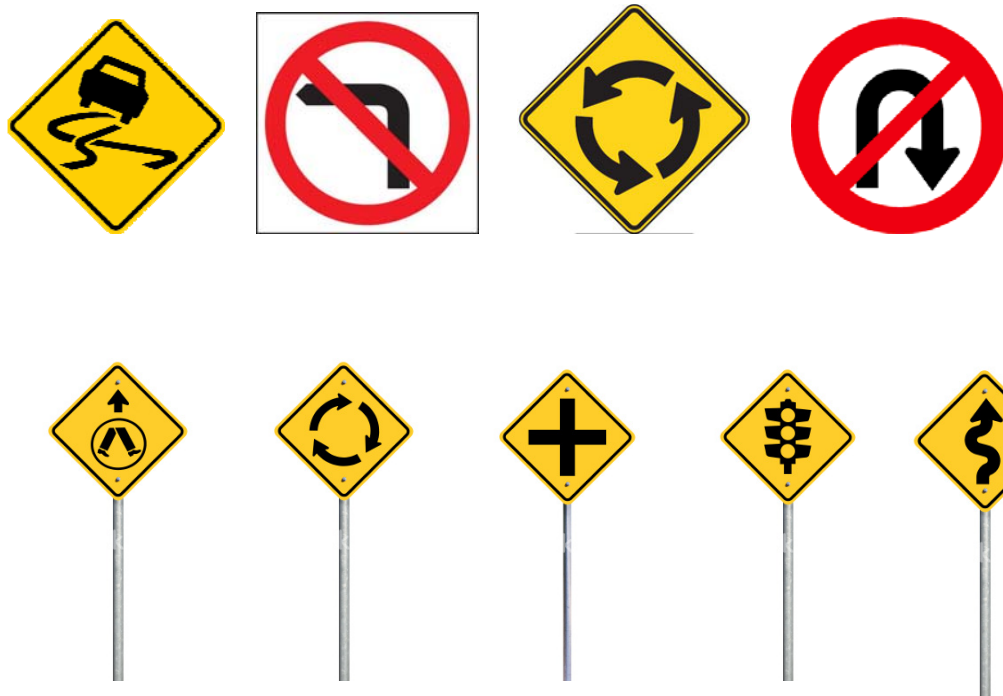
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TASK CARD 8

### Understanding the Rules

Laws and rules are made to help protect everyone in the community. Road rules are very important to keep people safe on the roads. Do you know what these signs mean?



### In Court

Little Red Riding Hood's father, William Woodcutter, is on trial for the murder of the wolf. Decide who in each of these fairytales should face trial and why? You could hold a mock trial in your classroom and call witnesses to the crime to testify in court. Also include the roles of a judge, a jury and lawyer for the defendant.

STORY	Character on Trial	Reason
The Three Little Pigs		
Goldilocks and the Three Bears		
Hansel and Gretel		
Jack and the Beanstalk		

