

True or False activity

Key Stage 3
What is Law

Instructions

Time- 30 mins

Law is about shaping and sustaining a civil and safe society. For example it is against the law to take other people's money, or it against the law to drive over the speed limit. These laws are designed to keep us safe and make life as fair as possible – these rules are agreed and passed by our Parliament which is made up from

- The Queen
- The House of Lords
- The House of Commons

Laws are often contested or changed as society develops, for example 200 years ago there would not have been a need for car speed limits as cars had not been invented. There are also some laws that still exist from hundreds of years ago and laws that are very recent.

The list below states a variety of laws. Students should decide whether they think it is true or false i.e. the law does exist or the law doesn't exist. Students should put a tick in the box they think is correct



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The Law	True	False
1.You can buy fish and chips wrapped in newspaper		
2.Londoners are not allowed to keep pigsties in front of their houses		
3.You can smoke in the pub		
4.You have to be 18 to buy a beer		
5. You cannot vote before the age of 18		
6.You cannot wear a suit of armour into parliament		
7. On the island of Jersey it's against the law for a man to knit during the fishing season		

ANSWERS

1. False -Until trading laws changed recently you could get you fish and chips wrapped in newspaper, but it is no longer allowed
2. True – this is an old law!
3. False – the law changed July 1st 2007, it is now an offence which carries a fine if you smoke in the pub
4. True – under licensing law alcohol must not be sold to anyone under the age of 18
5. True
6. True – an old law
7. True