## The Rule of Law in Action

## The rule of law ensures all people receive equal and fair treatment. So, how can we see it in action?



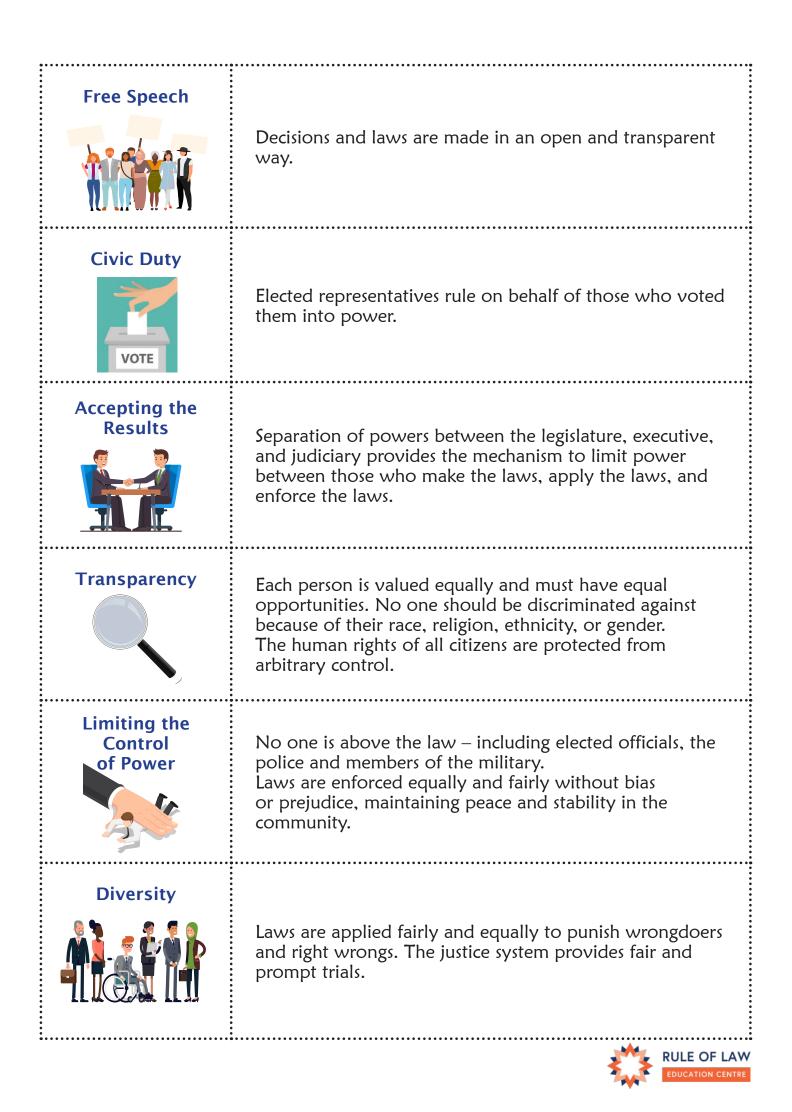
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See how many you can get ríght!





TEACHER ANSWERS		
Law and Order	No one is above the law - including elected officials, the police and members of the military. Laws are enforced equally and fairly without bias or prejudice, maintaining peace and stability in the community.	
Justice	Laws are applied fairly and equally to punish wrongdoers and right wrongs. The justice system provides fair and prompt trials.	
Human Rights	Each person is valued equally and must have equal opportunities. No one should be discriminated against because of their race, religion, ethnicity, or gender. The human rights of all citizens are protected from arbitrary control.	
Protection of Property	Your property can only be seized from you if you have broken the law and not by arbitrary control. This provides consistency, stability, and security so you can live your life the way you want.	
Elected Representatives	Elected representatives rule on behalf of those who voted them into power.	
Free Speech	Everyone has the right to disagree, protest, and join political parties of their choosing. This ensures those in power are held accountable for their actions and decisions.	
Civic Duty	Democracy relies on active participation from all citizens. Civic duty builds a stronger democracy (ie electing to become a member of parliament, voting in elections, being informed, debating issues, attending community meetings, paying taxes, abiding by the law).	

## **TEACHER ANSWERS Cont'd**

Accepting the Results	Regular elections after a set term, hold those in power accountable. Acceptance of the results enables a peaceful transfer of power from one party to the next.
Transparency	Decisions and laws are made in an open and transparent way.
Limiting the Control of Power	Separation of powers between the legislature, executive, and the judiciary provides the mechanism to limit power between those who make the laws, apply the laws, and enforce the laws.
Diversity	The rule of law treats everyone as equal under the law. Diversity includes people from different cultural backgrounds, gender, religious beliefs, and people with disability.

