



Rules and Laws

Learn the difference, then sort each example.

Name: _____

Date: _____

RULE

A rule tells people what to do in a certain place or group. Families, schools, teams, and clubs make rules.

LAW

A law is a rule made by the government. People in a town, state, or country must follow it.

Why do we have rules and laws?

- ✓ They help keep people safe.
- ✓ They help people solve problems fairly.
- ✓ They protect people and property.

A. Write R for rule or L for law.

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1. Walk in the school hallway.

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2. Stop at a red traffic light.

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3. Put away toys after playing.

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4. Wear a seat belt in a car.

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5. Take turns during a class game.

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6. Do not take things that belong to others.

Think!

How is a classroom rule different from a community law?



What Should Happen?

Read each situation and choose the best answer.

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B. Circle the best choice.

1. Maya sees a red traffic light. What should she do?

A. Stop

B. Speed up

C. Close her eyes

2. Ben is in the library. Which rule should he follow?

A. Shout

B. Use a quiet voice

C. Run between shelves

3. A law says people must wear seat belts. Why?

A. To keep riders safer

B. To make trips longer

C. To choose a seat

4. Two students want the same ball. What is fair?

A. Hide it

B. Take turns

C. Break it

C. Explain your thinking.

Choose one rule or law from this page. Tell how it helps people.



Be a Community Helper

Show what you know about fair and safe communities.

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D. Check True or False.

1. Rules can be different in different places.

☐ True

☐ False

2. Laws are only for children.

☐ True

☐ False

3. Rules and laws can help keep us safe.

☐ True

☐ False

4. Fair rules should help the whole group.

☐ True

☐ False

E. Create a helpful classroom rule.

My rule: _____

This rule helps because: _____

F. Draw the rule in action!

Add people, a place, and details that show the rule being followed.