

What's the law?

Australian law for new arrivals

Activity sheet 1 for students: **Australia's legal system**

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Activity A

Watch **Australia's legal system** and answer the questions.

1. Who makes the laws in Australia?

2. How old is Gahmal?

3. Who is Gahmal going to vote for?

4. Who will help Abdi in court?

5. What does Abdi decide he wants to be?

Activity B

Watch the story again. Match the person with the job description.

1. Politician

a. Person who makes decisions in a court of law

2. Police officer

b. Person who gives legal advice and services

3. Judge

c. Person who tries to catch criminals and checks that people obey the law

4. Lawyer

d. A person who has a job in politics like a member of parliament

Activity C

Choose Yes or No to answer the questions.

- 1. Can the Prime Minister get a fine? Yes / No
 - 2. Do police have to follow the law? Yes / No
 - 3. Can you buy votes in Australia? Yes / No
 - 4. Can you pay a judge to do what you want? Yes / No
 - 5. Can you get free legal help? Yes / No
 - 6. If you want them to, do lawyers have to keep everything you tell them private? Yes / No
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Activity D

What's the important information? Complete these sentences. Use a word or words from below.

Lawyers

Judges

Politicians

No one

- 1. _____ make the law.
 - 2. _____ can tell you how to vote.
 - 3. _____ can give free legal advice.
 - 4. _____ listen to both sides in court and make a decision.
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Activity E

Discussion

Do judges, police and politicians obey the law in all countries?

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Activity F

Watch **Australia's legal system** again. Watch for the screen that tells you where to get help.

Where is the best place to get free legal help?
