



Citizenship – literacy and numeracy activities

This document contains additional contextualized activities to support English, maths and life skills. There are two versions of each task for ready differentiation. V1 is the standard version, v2 is the simplified version.

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Look at these statements and say if you think they are true or false.

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2. An arrestable offence is anything the police think is wrong.	
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In short, the law says that goods should be of satisfactory quality. That means they should last a reasonable time and have no faults. It also covers the ways goods are advertised. You have a case against the trader if the item is not as described in the advert. Also, whatever you purchase should be able too do whatever the supplier says it will do. If it doesn't, you can ask for your money back from the trader. You don't have to go to the manufacturer.

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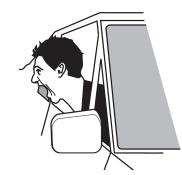
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Crime Prevention Injunctions (CPIs) are designed to nip bad behaviour in the bud before it grows. They are quicker to implement than ASBOs. Breaking a CPI means imprisonment or a fine for adults. For under-18s a breach can be dealt with through curfews, supervision or detention.

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The people that make decisions about the area you live in are called councillors. The size of the area you live in and where it is will determine what kind of council you have.

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The House of Commons has 650 MPs. The opposition parties (not part of the government) sit on the left and the government sits on the right. The House of Lords is made up of the Lords Spiritual (Archbishops and Bishops) and the Lords Temporal (hereditary and life peers). It has about 760 Members, most of whom have been appointed rather than elected. Many are chosen for their experience in a particular field, like medicine or literature. The House of Lords used to be quite powerful but these powers were reduced in 1911 and 1949.

The Cabinet is made up of about 20 MPs who are each given responsibility by the Prime Minister for a particular area of government, such as education. When this happens, they become Ministers. The job of the Cabinet is to make sure that policies are agreed and that government is working as it should.

The office of Prime Minister has been around since 1721. He or she is the chair of Cabinet meetings and leader of a political party. He or she has the responsibility of telling the Queen about all political matters and even makes recommendations for the award of honours (OBEs, etc).

These words about elections and government have been muddled up.

Unscramble the letters so that they make sense.

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2. nelceitoe	
3. etov	
4. smintiere	
5. liticalope	
6. jomartiy	
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Use your own ideas or a thesaurus to find synonyms for these words.

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Use your own ideas or a thesaurus to find words that mean the same as these words.

▶ 9. manage ▶ 10. duty ▶ 11. powerful



How the government spends its money

The Government has to spend money to ensure the country runs smoothly and the economy is working well. Some government spending is designed to provide a safety net for the less well-off in society and to ensure that they are able to survive if they lose their jobs or have insufficient income. The department that deals with this money is the Department of Social Security.

This table shows the Government's spending in the financial year 2011/12. It shows all areas of government expenditure and how much was allocated to each.

Department	Expenditure (£bn)
Social protection	£200
Health	£126
Housing and environment	£24
Defence	£40
Education	£89
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How the government spends its money

The Government has to spend money to ensure the country runs smoothly and the economy is working well. Some government spending is designed to provide a safety net for the less well-off in society and to ensure that they are able to survive if they lose their jobs or have insufficient income. The department that deals with this money is the Department of Social Security.

This table shows the Government's spending in the financial year 2011/12. It shows all areas of government expenditure and how much was allocated to each.

Department	Expenditure (£bn)
Social protection	£200
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These sentences give advice on what to do if you witness an incident where a crime is being committed or somebody is hurt. They need finishing. Match the beginnings of the sentences with the correct ending.

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Try to remember as much	emergency services need to know more.
If there is a phone you can use	detail as possible.
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You decide to report this to the police. You ring the non-emergency number but what should you say?

Think about how you would report the incident you have witnessed to the police. Write down what you would say in the gaps.

Police: How can I help you?

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Police: Can I take your name, address and telephone number?
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Police: Would you be willing to visit your nearest police station to make a statement?
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Council: Hello. How can I help you? You: My rubbish is in the yard and it stinks. **Council:** Sorry. Are you saying that your rubbish has not been collected this week? Course I am! What are you gonna do about it? You: **Council:** Can you give me your address, please, and I'll look into it. What do you mean you'll look into it? I'm not putting this phone down until you tell me You: there's a van on its way. **Council:** I do need your address so that I can see what's happened. I can tell you what's happened. I've got six bin bags out there and four of them have been You: there for a week. **Council:** Right. If you give me your address, I'll be able to find out why your rubbish hasn't been collected and arrange a special collection to take place tomorrow. All right. But before I give it to you, can you tell me why I haven't got a wheelie bin yet? You: Re-write this call. Make sure each person is polite.

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