

Canada's branches in action

Decide which branch of Canada's federal government is doing each job.

1 Read the key. Each branch has a different job.

L

Legislative branch
Parliament: the King, the Senate and the House of Commons
Makes the laws.

E

Executive branch
The King or Governor General, the Prime Minister and the Cabinet
Carries out the laws and runs the government.

J

Judicial branch
The courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada
Explains the laws and decides cases, even whether a law follows the Charter.

2 Which branch is in action? Circle L, E or J.

	What is happening?	L	E	J
1	Members of Parliament vote to pass a new bill.	L	E	J
2	The Prime Minister chooses the ministers for the Cabinet.	L	E	J
3	The Supreme Court of Canada rules that a law breaks the Charter.	L	E	J
4	The Senate studies a bill from the House of Commons.	L	E	J
5	The defence minister makes plans for the armed forces.	L	E	J
6	A judge in Thunder Bay settles an argument over a damaged canoe.	L	E	J
7	Members of Parliament question the Prime Minister about a plan.	L	E	J
8	Nine Supreme Court judges hear a case from British Columbia.	L	E	J
9	The Prime Minister meets leaders of other countries about trade.	L	E	J
10	The House of Commons votes to change an old law about fisheries.	L	E	J
11	A court decides if police had good reason to search a car.	L	E	J
12	Cabinet decides how to put a new law into action across Canada.	L	E	J

3 Pick two scenarios that show one branch checking another. Explain.