



Living With The Law

Y E A R S E V E N



Interpreting Information.

Read the following information carefully and answer the questions below.

Courts deal with civil and criminal cases. Civil cases usually involve a dispute between individuals and centre on claims of compensation and fixing an undesirable situation. Criminal cases deal with situations when the law has allegedly been broken. In Australia, different courts are set up to deal with different kind of cases, depending on the seriousness of the dispute.

The highest courts deal with the more serious crimes while the lower courts deal with minor offences. The losing party in a case is often able to appeal to a higher court for another opinion.

⌚ High Court

(Hears appeals from Supreme Court and decides on Constitutional disputes)

⌚ Supreme Court

(The Full Supreme Court hears appeals from Supreme, District and Magistrates courts. The Supreme Court hears serious criminal cases (e.g. murder) or civil disputes involving large sums of money)

⌚ District Court

(Deals with serious criminal cases and civil cases involving more than \$30 000)

⌚ Magistrates Court

(Deals with less important criminal cases (e.g. shoplifting, traffic offences), civil cases up to \$30 000, and decides whether cases are serious enough to be sent to higher courts)



1. What situations do criminal cases deal with? _____

2. If the losing party in a court case disagrees with a decision, what can (s)he do? _____

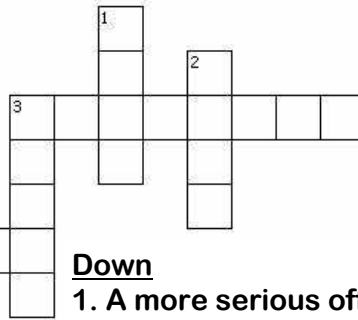
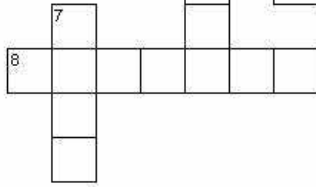
3. In which court could an appeal be made about a decision made in the District Court?

4. In which court would a murder trial be held? _____
5. Fred wants to make a \$10 000 claim against his neighbour whose fallen tree damaged his house. To which court would Fred go? _____
6. Find the dictionary definitions of:
constitution _____
allegedly _____
prosecute _____

Legal Criss-Cross

Across

- One who has committed a crime
- One who studies and practises law
- A court that hears serious criminal cases



Down

- A more serious offence may result in a stay here
- A consequence for a small or first offence
- Where a legal dispute may be settled
- These people help enforce the law
- These help our society to run smoothly
- A group of people who may decide on a case

Media Watch.

Find at least one newspaper article dealing with a law. Write a short summary about the story, considering such things as:

- The law being broken
- How a dispute was resolved
- Which court heard the dispute
- The parties involved in the dispute

There Ought to Be A Law...

Decide on an issue about which you feel strongly (e.g. endangered animals, cloning, recycling, pollution) and come up with a suggestion for a new law that effectively deals with that problem.

On a new page you will need to:

- Identify the problem
- List some reasons why it is a problem
- Suggest a new law to overcome the problem
- List some appropriate consequences for breaking your new law

Work It Out!

- $500 \times 8000 =$ _____
- $3600 \div 40 =$ _____
- Litres in 5600 ml = _____
- Metres in 7.4 km = _____
- 75% of 28 = _____
- Degrees in a triangle _____
- Cost of 12 pencils @ 7c each _____
- Cancel down $96/9 =$ _____
- $6 \times 3 \div 2 \times 7 + 30 =$ _____
- $8^3 =$ _____



Mixed Maths.

- 648×7.9
- $\$45\,678.94 + \$38\,956.88$
- $670.053 - 597.56$
- $7836 \div 8$



Eugene's Challenge.

Imagine your community has just experienced a war that has left your area in devastation. Buildings and roads have been wrecked. Some things are OK (e.g. a few cars). A lot of people are gone but amazingly, the people in your class have survived.

In a short piece of creative writing, describe the events following the disaster, focusing on the things you will need to survive and the rules you may need to create as a group to survive.

Web Links.

Check out Lawstuff, a cool site explaining how the law relates to young people
www.lawstuff.org.au

The Courts Administration Authority has all you'd want to know about the Courts system in South Australia
www.courts.sa.gov.au

Parent Signature: _____