



Make your mark

Kids' activities



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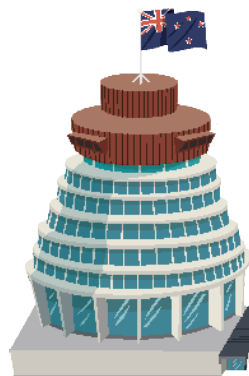
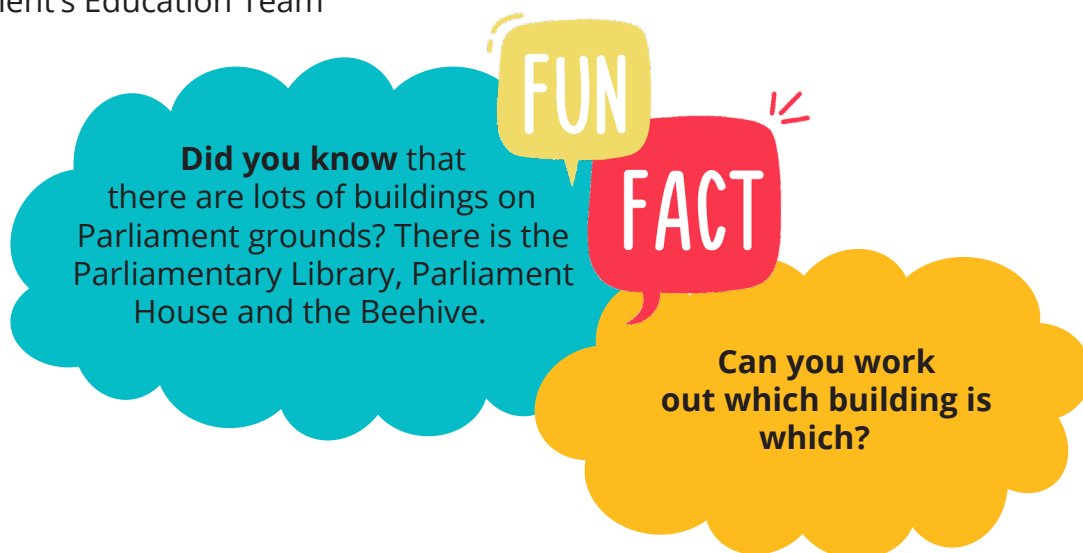
Parliament's job is to represent the people of New Zealand, provide us with a Government, make laws for the country, decide how to spend tax money, and keep the Government accountable for the decisions it makes.

Parliament's Education Team have designed this fun and exciting activity book to introduce you to the role of Parliament. Activities include helping the new members find their way to Parliament, a crossword, word find, spot the difference, and lots of quirky facts about Parliament!

Please get in contact with us at education.team@parliament.govt.nz if there's anything we can help with.

Mā te wā,

Parliament's Education Team



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

WORD FIND

The words may be across (left to right or right to left, on a diagonal or down).

P	R	O	P	O	R	T	I	O	N	A	L
S	T	N	E	U	T	I	T	S	N	O	C
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ACTIONS
DECISIONS
ELECTORATE
LAWS
MMP
PARLIAMENT
RESIDENTS

CITIZENS
EIGHTEEN
GENERAL
LIST
OFFICES
PARTY
SEATS

CONSITUTENTS
ELECTION
GOVERNMENT
LOCAL
PROPORTIONAL
VOTES



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

There are ten differences between these photos - can you find them all?



YOUR FIRST DAY ON THE JOB

Imagine you've just been elected Prime Minister. What are five things you want to change for New Zealand?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

ANAGRAMS

How many words can you make from these letters? Try to work out what the nine letter word is.

A	D	R
O	Y	C
C	E	M

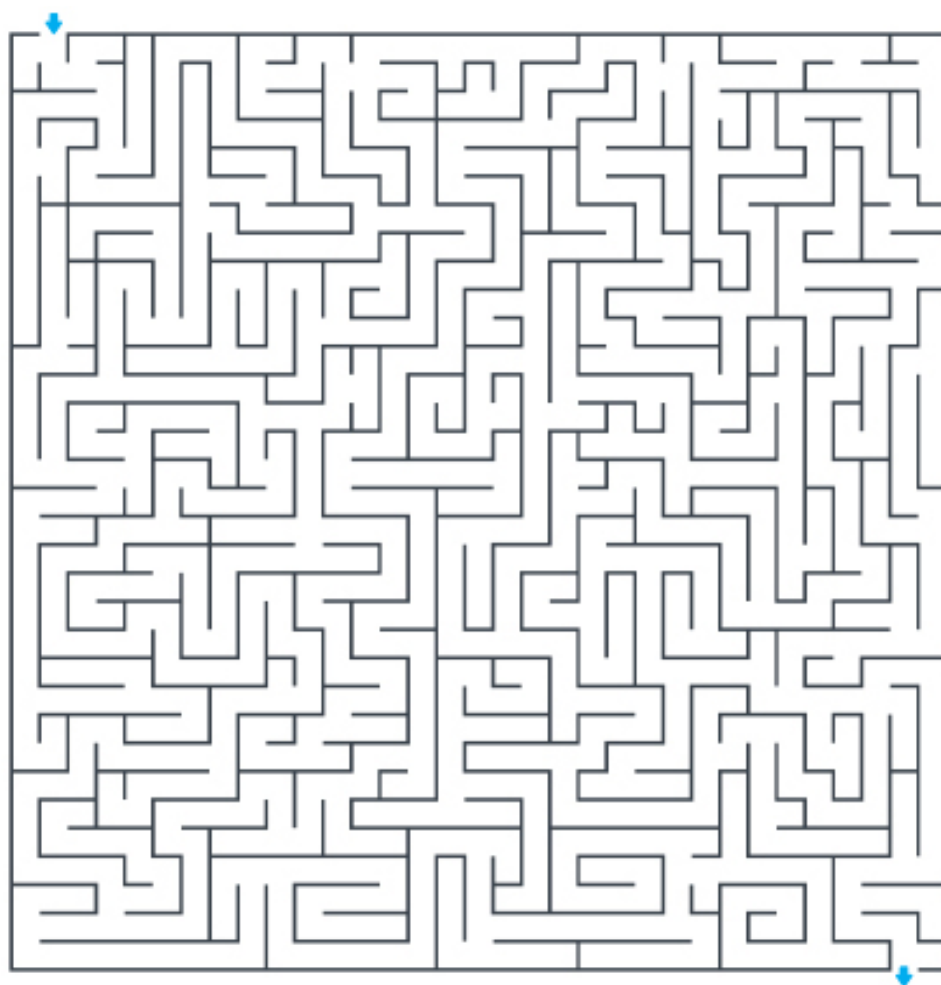
C	D	I
A	D	N
E	T	A

S	T	C
L	E	E
N	O	I

HELP THE MPS FIND PARLIAMENT!



New Zealand's Parliament is located in the heart of Wellington. Some members of Parliament are elected to represent their electorate, or area of the country. These MPs travel every week from their home in their electorate, to work at Parliament - help them find their workplace!



Did you know that Parliament hasn't always been in Wellington? Parliament originally met in Auckland from 1854. It moved to Wellington in 1865 and has been here ever since.

FUN

FACT



CROSSWORD

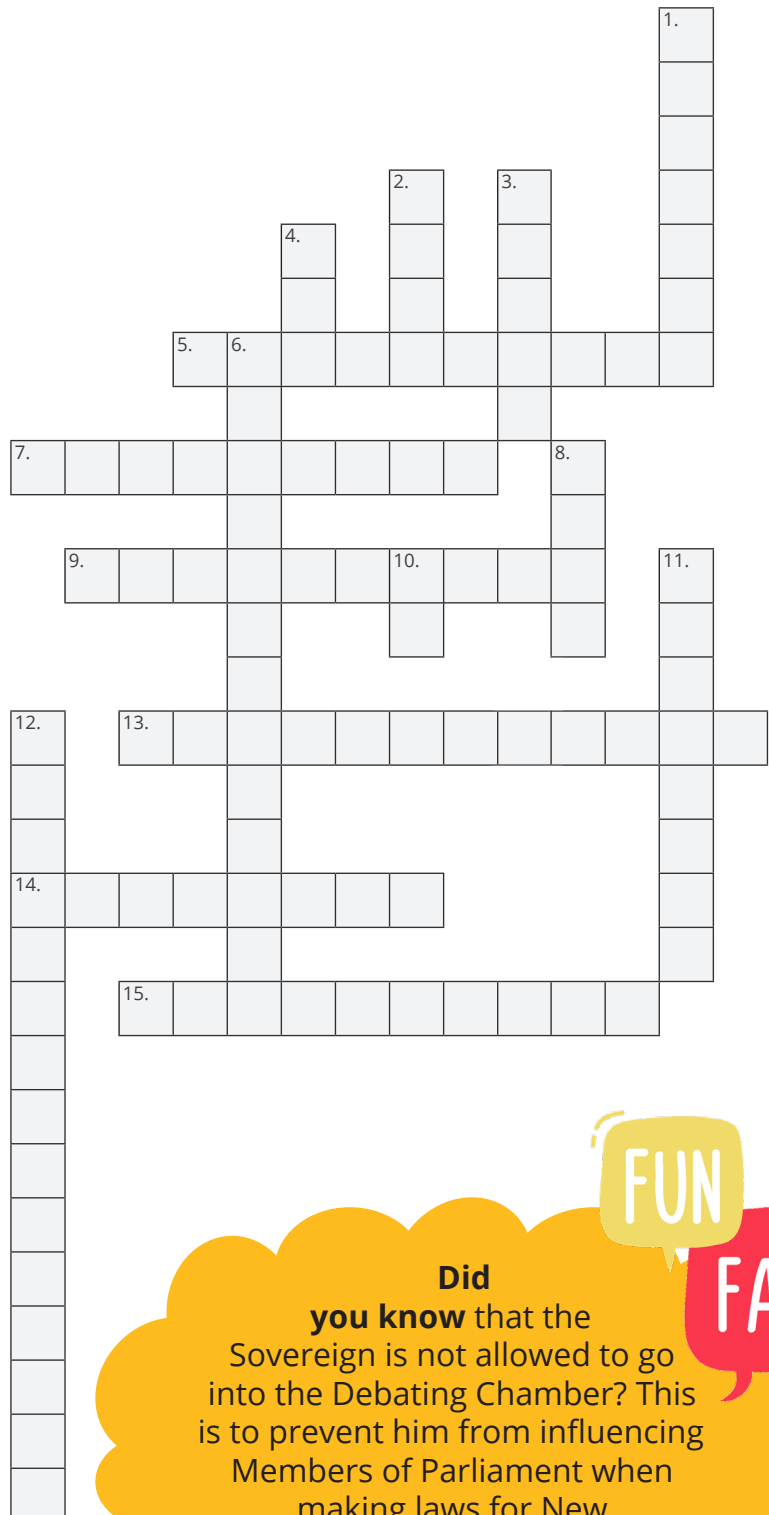
This crossword will help you to understand some of the words used at Parliament. Read the clues and write the word that matches the meaning of the clue.

Across

- 5 Members of Parliament but not the Government.
- 7 When two or more parties join together to form a government.
- 9 The group of elected people who are responsible for the political direction and control of New Zealand.
- 13 The set of rules that guide how the country works.
- 14 The process when people choose who they want to lead the country.
- 15 The organisation responsible for making laws and looking after the citizens of a country.

Down

- 1 A person who was born in a country.
- 2 The rules made by Parliament to keep the country safe and secure.
- 3 An organised group of people with the same political ideas who want to be in government.
- 4 The abbreviation (short name) for New Zealand's voting system.
- 6 Leader of the Government.
- 8 When you make a choice for a party or candidate in the election.
- 10 The abbreviation (short name) for a member of Parliament.
- 11 A government can be made when it has this, over half of the seats.
- 12 The person who represents the King in New Zealand.



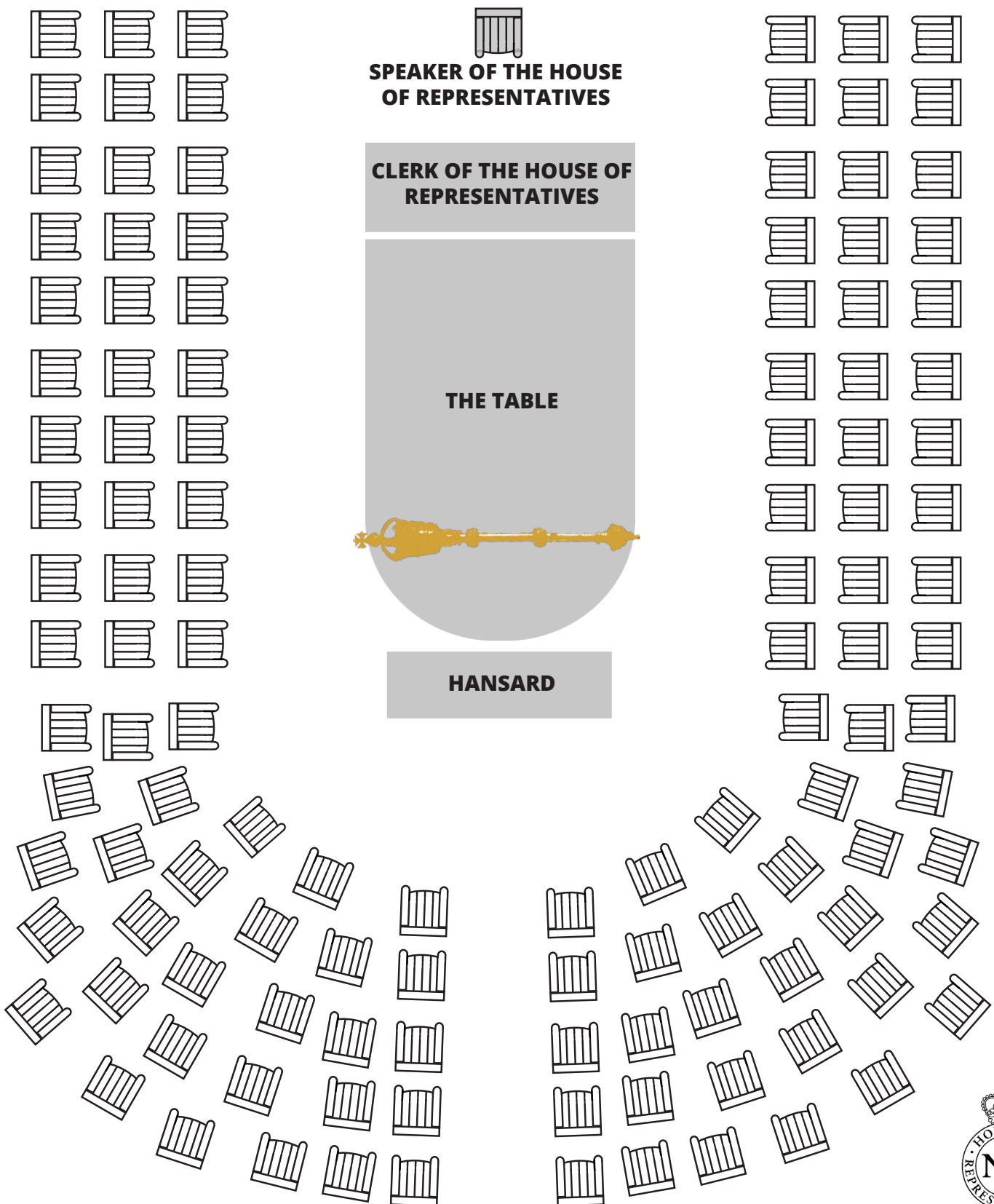
FUN

FACT

Did you know that the Sovereign is not allowed to go into the Debating Chamber? This is to prevent him from influencing Members of Parliament when making laws for New Zealand.

Your **PARLIAMENT** *of* **NEW ZEALAND**

For this activity, 120 MPs have been elected from the votes cast on election day. Check the results and colour in how many seats each party has won, or, design your very own Parliament.



HOW TO CREATE A PARLIAMENT

- Step 1** Pick a colour or pattern for each of the parties who stood in the last general election.
- Step 2** For each party, colour in one seat for each electorate seat it has won.
- Step 3** Divide each party's share of the overall party vote by 120. The answer is the total number of seats each party gets.
- Step 4** Subtract the number of electorate seats you have already coloured in from this total number. That answer is the number of extra seats each party gets from their party list.

For example, if a party won 30% of the party vote they get 36 seats. If they already have 20 electorate seats, colour in another 16 seats for them.

HOW TO FORM A GOVERNMENT

The Government is formed by the party or parties who have the majority of seats in Parliament. Under our MMP electoral system, just because one party wins the most seats on election day doesn't necessarily mean they will form the next Government.

As it's very uncommon for one party to win a majority of seats by themselves, parties often join up so that together they hold a majority of the seats. It can take a while for parties to decide who to join with, but most governments are decided well within five weeks of an election.

You can guess New Zealand's Government, or choose your own, by picking the party or parties which, together, have over half of the seats (61 or more) coloured in.

ANSWERS

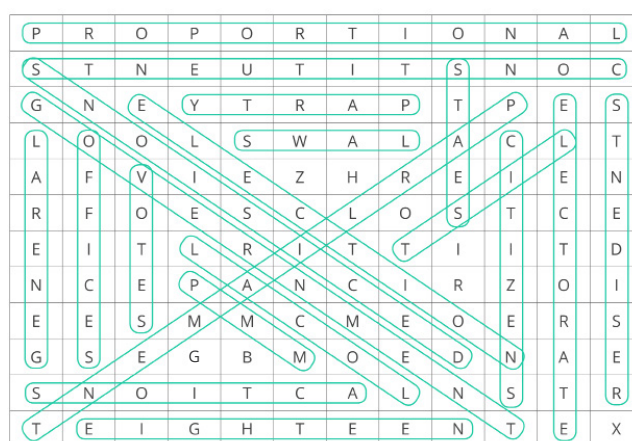
BUILDINGS

1. Parliamentary Library
2. The Beehive
3. Parliament House.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

L-R: VR headset appears, Clerk disappears seat, TV screen changes, pens disappear, back row of seats reappears, mug handle moves, Serjeant-at-Arms appears, carpet changes colour, microphone disappears, laptop appears.

WORD FIND



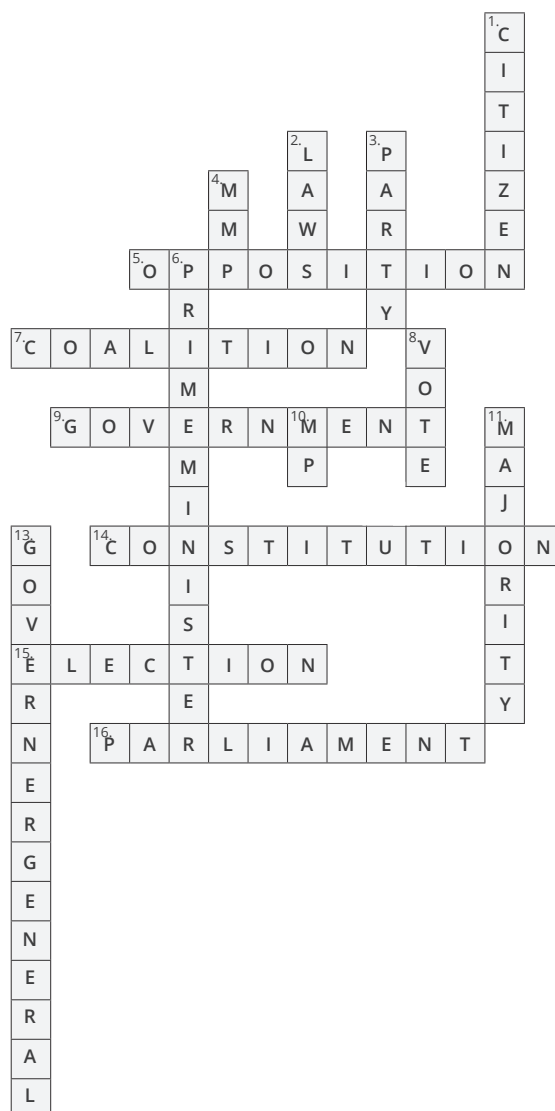
CROSSWORD

Across

5. Members of Parliament but not the Government (**Opposition**)
7. When two or more parties join together to form a Government (**Coalition**)
9. The group of elected people who are responsible for the political direction and control of New Zealand. (**Government**)
13. The set of laws that govern how the country works (**constitution**)
14. The process when people choose who will lead the country (**election**)
15. The organisation responsible for making laws and looking after the citizens of a country (**Parliament**)

Down

1. A person who was born in a country (**citizen**)
2. The rules made by Parliament to keep the country safe (**laws**)
3. An organised group of people with the same political ideas who want to be the Government (**Party**)
4. The abbreviation (short name) for New Zealand's voting system (**MMP**)
6. Leader of the Government (**Prime Minister**)
8. When you make your choice for a party or candidate in an election (**vote**)
10. The abbreviation (short name) for a member of Parliament (**MP**)
11. A Government can be made when it has this, over half of the seats (**Majority**)
12. The person who represents the King in New Zealand (**Governor-General**)





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