

Rules Keep Order

Compare how two governments make and enforce laws.

3.7c "Different governments have different ways of maintaining order and keeping people safe. This includes making rules and laws and enforcing these rules and laws."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each sentence that tells who makes laws. Circle each sentence that tells who enforces laws, so you can compare the two countries.

Keeping Communities Safe

- ① Governments help communities stay orderly and safe. They make rules and laws about actions such as driving, building homes, and caring for public places. A law is a rule the government can enforce. To enforce a law means to make sure people follow it. Police officers, courts, and other public workers may help enforce laws.
- ② In the United States, people elect leaders to represent them. Members of Congress can propose and pass national laws. The president can sign a bill so it becomes a law. States and cities also make laws for their areas. Police officers enforce many laws, and courts decide what happens when someone is accused of breaking a law.
- ③ Japan also has laws to protect people and keep order, but its lawmaking system is different. Japan's National Diet discusses and passes laws. The prime minister and other leaders in the Cabinet carry out many government plans. Police enforce laws in communities, and courts handle cases about laws. Both countries use laws and workers to help keep people safe.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What does it mean to enforce a law?

2 Who can propose and pass national laws in the United States?

3 What group discusses and passes laws in Japan?

4 Name one way the United States and Japan are alike in keeping people safe and orderly.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two or three sentences about one law your town could make to keep people safe. Tell who would enforce the law and how enforcing it would help.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each sentence that tells who makes laws. Circle each sentence that tells who enforces laws, so you can compare the two countries. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does it mean to enforce a law?	It means to make sure people follow the law.
2	Who can propose and pass national laws in the United States?	Members of Congress.
3	What group discusses and passes laws in Japan?	Japan's National Diet.
4	Name one way the United States and Japan are alike in keeping people safe and orderly.	Both countries use laws, police officers, and courts to help keep people safe and maintain order.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our town council makes a law that bicycles must use lights after dark. Police officers enforce the law by stopping riders without lights, which helps drivers see them safely.

Accept accurate responses that identify a government body or official making a safety law and an appropriate person or group enforcing it. For Question 4, accept any stated similarity supported by the passage.