

House, Senate or Both? Sorting Activity — Answers

Years 5–6 | Ages 8–13 with support | 30 minutes

Teacher / parent guide · Check reasoning as well as answers.

1. H — Each member represents one federal electorate.
2. S — Its elected representatives are called senators.
3. B — Debates proposed federal laws.
4. B — Is one of the two houses of Federal Parliament.
5. H — Government formation depends on support here.
6. S — Its presiding officer is the President.
7. H — Its presiding officer is the Speaker.
8. B — Can examine issues in committees.
9. S — Represents states and territories.
10. H — Has green furnishings in its main chamber.
11. S — Has red furnishings in its chamber.
12. B — Scrutinises the work of government.
13. H — Elects one member per federal electorate.
14. S — Elects several representatives for each state or territory.
15. B — Votes on bills and proposed changes.
16. B — Its representatives are chosen in federal elections.

H = House, S = Senate, B = both. Accept explanations grounded in the listed parliamentary roles.

RUN THE ACTIVITY

Cut the cards or let children write their numbers on the mat. Keep the answer sheet separate.

Allow pointing, oral answers or a partner scribe. Keep colour optional. Use fictional examples and invite explanations without asking about family voting choices.