

House, Senate or Both? Sorting Activity

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

Cut the cards. Place each on the sorting mat on page 2.

1

Each member represents one federal electorate.

2

Its elected representatives are called senators.

3

Debates proposed federal laws.

4

Is one of the two houses of Federal Parliament.

5

Government formation depends on support here.

6

Its presiding officer is the President.

7

Its presiding officer is the Speaker.

8

Can examine issues in committees.

9

Represents states and territories.

10

Has green furnishings in its main chamber.

11

Has red furnishings in its chamber.

12

Scrutinises the work of government.

13

Elects one member per federal electorate.

14

Elects several representatives for each state or territory.

15

Votes on bills and proposed changes.

16

Its representatives are chosen in federal elections.

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Sort 16 numbered facts. The BOTH column is for shared roles.

HOUSE ONLY	BOTH	SENATE ONLY

Explain one choice to a partner. What clue helped you?