

Senate vs House of Representatives

Years 5–6 | Ages 8–13 with support | 25 minutes

Write H = House, S = Senate or B = both. All facts refer to Federal Parliament.

- ☐ 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.

Choose one B answer. Explain why both houses do this.
