BILL OR LAW?

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BILL

A proposal for a new law or a change to an existing law.

LAW

A rule recognised by law after the required process has been completed.

These imaginary examples concern federal Acts. Circle BILL or LAW.

1. An imaginary proposal would add a new federal rule.
○ BILL ○ LAW

2. An imaginary Act has completed the parliamentary process and received Royal Assent.
○ BILL ○ LAW

3. A draft bill proposes a change to an existing law.
○ BILL ○ LAW

4. A fictional Act has reached its commencement date and is operating.
○ BILL ○ LAW

5. Parliament is debating a proposal that has not yet passed.
○ BILL ○ LAW

6. An imaginary Act was passed in identical form by both Houses and given Royal Assent.
○ BILL ○ LAW

7. A proposal is waiting for a vote in the Senate.
○ BILL ○ LAW

8. A fictional Act is already in force.
○ BILL ○ LAW

9. A proposed change has been written but has not received Royal Assent.
○ BILL ○ LAW

10. A fictional Act was given Royal Assent and has now commenced.
○ BILL ○ LAW

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Cut the six documents and place them under BILL or LAW. These documents are fictional classroom examples.

BILL

Proposals

LAW

Completed Acts

Proposal A
Not yet passed.

Act B
Royal Assent received.

Draft bill C
Not yet passed.

Act D
Royal Assent received.

Proposal E
Not yet passed.

Act F
Royal Assent received.