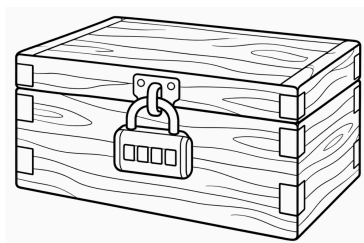


AUSTRALIAN CIVICS ESCAPE CHALLENGE

Name: _____ Date: _____

OPEN THE PARLIAMENT BOX



Solve the five tasks on pages 2–6. Each gives one digit. Write the digits in puzzle order.

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Team plan

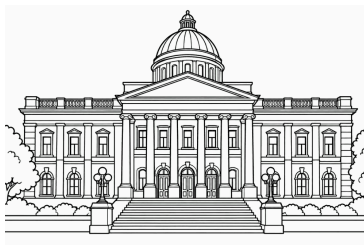
Check your facts, show your working and agree on each digit. No guessing from the lock picture: the digits come from your answers.

What did we connect?

ESCAPE 1 — THREE LEVELS

Name: _____ Date: _____

Write F (Federal), S/T (State/Territory) or L (Local).



1. Council library

2. Public school

3. Defence

Digit 1 = number of LOCAL answers.

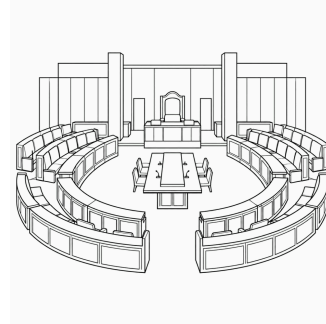
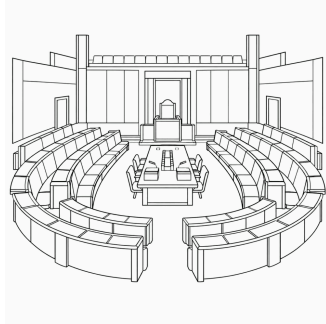
Digit 1: _____

These examples show usual starting points. Funding and responsibilities can overlap. In the ACT, the territory government also handles local services.

ESCAPE 2 — HOUSE OR SENATE?

Name: _____ Date: _____

Write H for House or S for Senate beside each clue.



1. Members represent federal electorates.

2. Senators represent states and territories.

3. Government needs majority support here.

4. This House is called the Senate.

5. This House is the House of Representatives.

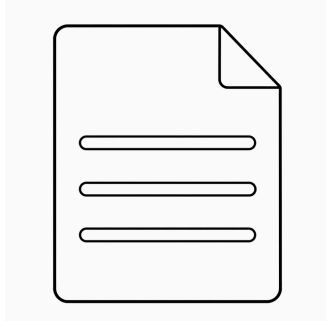
Digit 2 = number of HOUSE answers.

Digit 2: _____

ESCAPE 3 — BILL TO LAW

Name: _____ Date: _____

Number the four broad successful stages 1–4.



1. Both Houses agree to identical bill text.

2. A bill is introduced.

3. The Governor-General gives Royal Assent.

4. Parliament debates and considers the bill.

Digit 3 = the stage number for Royal Assent.

Digit 3: _____

Successful simplified pathway only. Bills may be amended or rejected, some financial bills must start in the House, and an Act begins operating on its commencement date.

ESCAPE 4 — DOUBLE MAJORITY

Name: _____ Date: _____

Decide which fictional results pass the general double-majority test.

Proposal	National YES	YES states	PASS / NOT PASS
1	54%	4 / 6	_____
2	62%	2 / 6	_____
3	48%	4 / 6	_____
4	45%	2 / 6	_____
5	51%	4 / 6	_____



Six states:
NSW · VIC · QLD · SA · WA · TAS
ACT and NT: national count

Digit 4 = number of PASS results.

Digit 4: _____

Territory votes count in the national total, not as states. A state is YES only when more than half its voters vote YES. Some section 128 changes also need approval in each affected state; these general examples do not involve that extra rule.

ESCAPE 5 — SEPARATION OF POWERS

Name: _____ Date: _____

Write L (Legislature), E (Executive) or J (Judiciary).

1. Parliament debates a proposed law.

2. A department administers a program under existing law.

3. A court decides how a law applies to a case.

4. Senators vote on a bill.

5. A minister directs delivery of a government program.

6. A judge hears evidence in a legal dispute.

Digit 5 = number of JUDICIARY answers.

Digit 5: _____

Australia's separation of powers is not complete: ministers are also members of Parliament.
Sort the action described, not every role a person may hold.