THE RULE OF LAW

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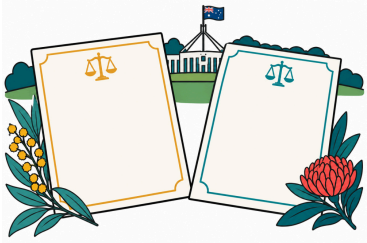
The rule of law means people and government must act according to law. Decisions use laws and lawful procedures rather than personal whim.



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Courts apply law

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Rights and responsibilities

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Find the idea

On page 2, identify which idea each fictional situation illustrates.

Equal treatment before the law does not mean every case has an identical outcome. Facts, relevant laws and lawful procedures can lead to different decisions.

Why does knowing a law matter?

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Write the idea number (1–4).
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Compare

Two court cases involve different facts. Could the decisions differ while both follow the law? Explain.

A minister says “the law does not apply to me”. Which idea challenges this?