

# What's the law?

Australian law for new arrivals

Activity sheet 9 for students: **Family law**

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## Activity A

Watch **Family law** and answer the questions.

1. Why is Maria always complaining?

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2. Why is Yohani always complaining?

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3. What does Yohani's lawyer suggest so Maria and Yohani can reach an agreement?

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4. Does the mediator help Maria and Yohani reach an arrangement about the children?

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## Activity B

Watch the story again. Match the word on the left with its meaning.

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| 1. Separated | a. An ending of a marriage by an official decision in a court of law |
| 2. Divorced  | b. Having a wife or husband  |
| 3. Married   | c. No longer living together as husband and wife                     |

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## Activity C

Circle the correct word to complete the sentence.

1. Maria is afraid she'll **lose / keep** the children.
2. Maria and Yohani **agree / disagree** to talk with a mediator.
3. They will go to court if they **can / can't** agree in mediation.
4. The lawyers check to see if they are **happy / unhappy** with the decision.
5. The children will stay with **Yohani / Maria** every Wednesday night and second weekend.

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## Activity D

Read the statements and circle True or False.

1. If you want a divorce you must be separated for at least six months. **True / False**
2. A woman can get a divorce even if the husband doesn't want one. **True / False**
3. The law says children have a right to see both parents, as long as they are safe. **True / False**
4. The law is the same for both men and women. **True / False**
5. Mediation is when you sit and relax and think about life. **True / False**

**Activity E**

Complete each sentence with a word from below.

children                      mediation                      writing                      interpreter                      parents

1. The law says children have the right to see both \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Both parents should try to work together to make decisions about their \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. You sit and talk to try to agree on things at \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. If you cannot understand the mediator you can get an \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. The agreement made at mediation is put in \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Activity F**

Discussion

Is divorce law the same in every country? Is what happens to children after separation or divorce the same in every country?

**Activity G**

Watch **Family law** again. Watch for the screen that tells you where to get help.

Where is the best place to get free legal help?

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