



## What Is Government?

Government is all of the agencies, departments, organizations, groups, and individuals in a nation who make, carry out, enforce, and manage conflicts about rules and laws. Government is like a nation's family. Families take care of children and make sure they are safe, healthy, educated, and free to enjoy life. Families encourage children to be independent, hardworking, and responsible. Families make and enforce rules and give appropriate punishments when rules are broken. Government does these things for its citizens, too.

Answer the questions below to show how government is like a family. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

1. How does your family keep you safe? My family keeps me safe by taking care of me.
2. How does the government keep its citizens safe? The government keeps us safe by making laws.
3. How does your family keep you healthy? They feed us.
4. How does the government keep its citizens healthy? They make restrictions.
5. How does your family help you learn and become educated? They get books for us.
6. How does the government help its citizens learn and become educated? They give schools that teach.
7. What kinds of rules does your family have for you? To read every day and to homework.
8. What kinds of rules does the government have for its citizens? Don't go for the red lights.
9. How does your family punish you if you break the rules? They make us do more homework or chores.
10. How does the government punish its citizens who break the law? They put them in jail.

