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## A Federal Government Flying High

Our government is a federal form of government, where some powers are given to the national government and some are given to the state governments. Still other powers are shared by both the national and state governments.

**Directions:** Read the powers listed below. Decide if each power belongs to the national government, the state governments, or Both. Then complete the diagram by writing each power in the correct space.

### National Government:

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### Both:

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### State Governments:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- to create local governments</li><li>- to admit new states</li><li>- to print money</li><li>- to establish post offices and roads</li><li>- to establish and support public schools</li><li>- to collect taxes</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- to deal with foreign nations</li><li>- to regulate immigration</li><li>- to regulate businesses</li><li>- to provide for the health and welfare of the people</li><li>- to raise and support armed forces</li><li>- to enforce laws and punish lawbreakers</li></ul> |
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**Bonus Box:** On the back of this sheet, write a paragraph explaining why you think it is important that powers are shared by the national government and the state governments.