Worksheet 1

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Role of the Executive
Who is in the Executive?______________________________________________

What does the Executive do?___________________________________________

How are ministers chosen?______________________________________________

Roles of the houses of Parliament
The Parliament of Australia has four main roles:

• _____________ and _____________ federal ________________.
• _________________ the people of ____________________________.
• Providing a place where ______________________ is ________________.
• Keeping a _____________ on the work of the ________________________

Division of powers (levels of government)
How is power divided between the federal, state/territory and local levels of government?
Representative and responsible government

Representative government means: 


Responsible government means: 


The Constitution

What is the Australian Constitution? 


What powers are described in the Constitution? 


Describe five key features of the Constitution

1. 


2. 


3. 


4. 


5. 


The Constitution can only be changed with the approval of the ________________ and the ________________. A proposed change is called a ________________. This is only passed if it is approved by a ________________ of voters in a ________________ of states, and by a ________________ of voters across the nation. This is known as a ________________ ________________.
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Why is it important to have this separation of powers? What could go wrong if there wasn’t a separation of powers?

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**Role of the Executive**

What is a minister’s area of responsibility called? Give three examples.

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What is the name of the main decision-making group in the Executive?

What does ministerial responsibility mean?

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**Roles of the houses of Parliament**

What are the four main roles of the houses of Parliament?

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What is the process for changing the Constitution? __________________________

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Role of the Executive

Explain the roles of the Executive and the Cabinet.

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Roles of the houses of Parliament

Describe the roles of the houses of Parliament.

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Division of powers (levels of government)

Why is it important that power is divided between the federal, state/territory and local levels of government?

Representative and responsible government

How do the ideas of representative government and responsible government support the Constitution?

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