

Worksheet 1

Separation of powers (fill in the table below)

POWER	ROLE	COMPOSITION
Parliament		
Executive		
Judiciary		

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?

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	STATE/TERRITORY GOVERNMENT	LOCAL COUNCIL

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?

Role of the Executive

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

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

What does ministerial responsibility mean? _____

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.

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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