

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?

2. Why is Yohani always complaining?

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

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

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 |

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.

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?
