



















*Written and Unwritten  
Rules around the World*



<p>1</p>  <p>In New Zealand, you can't get a driving license until you're 20.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>In France, you can't eat meat on Fridays.</p>
<p>3</p>  <p>In Turkey, women can join the army.</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>In English cities, you can't sound your car horn from 11 P.M. to 7 A.M.</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>You can't travel from New Mexico to Alaska without a passport.</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>In Germany, you can get a license to ride a bicycle on the freeway.</p>
<p>7</p>  <p>You can't mow the lawn on Sundays in Geneva, Switzerland.</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>In Greece, you can't ride a motorcycle without wearing a crash helmet.</p>
<p>9</p>  <p>In Mexico, you can't sunbathe on Sundays.</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>In England, you can't leave school until you're 16.</p>
<p>11</p>  <p>In England, you can't turn your back to a statue of the Queen.</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>In Japan you can't use soap in the water in a public bath.</p>
<p>13</p>  <p>In Spain, you can't make a noise after 10 o'clock in the evening.</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>You can get a U.S. driver's license in Mississippi when you're 15.</p>
<p>15</p>  <p>In Italy, you can't get divorced.</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>In Holland, you can't kiss in public.</p>
<p>17</p>  <p>You can't take chewing-gum into Australia.</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>In Brazil, you can't eat prawns.</p>
<p><b>TRUE</b></p>	<p><b>FALSE</b></p>

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## Worksheet

## 8

### ACTIVITY

Groupwork: speaking

### AIM

To guess and discuss whether statements about countries around the world are true or false.

### GRAMMAR AND FUNCTIONS

*Can* and *can't* for permission and prohibition

### VOCABULARY

Rules and regulations around the world

### PREPARATION

Make one copy of the worksheet for every three to five students in the class. Cut out the cards as indicated.

### TIME

30 minutes

### PROCEDURE

1. Ask the students to work in groups of three to five.
2. Give one set of cards to each group and ask them to put the cards marked "true" and "false" **face up**, and the rest of the cards in a pile **face down**.
3. Ask the students to take turns taking a card from the pile, reading out what is written on it, and discussing the statement with the other members of the group. Their task is to decide whether the statements are true or false.
4. The students arrange the cards on the table under the headings "true" or "false".
5. If one group finishes before the others, check their answers and tell them how many are wrong, without telling them which ones. This means that they will have to go back and discuss some of the points again.
6. Check the answers. Groups get one point for each correct guess, and the group with the most points is the winner.

### ANSWERS

1. False. You can get a driving license when you're 15 in New Zealand, but you can't drive after 10 o'clock in the evening.
2. False. You can eat meat, but people who practice the Catholic faith usually eat fish on Fridays.
3. False.
4. True.
5. False. New Mexico and Alaska are both in the United States.
6. False.
7. True.
8. True.
9. False.
10. True.
11. False.
12. True. You wash with soap in the shower, and then get into the bath.
13. False.
14. True. But you have to pass the driving test!
15. False. But if you are divorced, you can't get married in a church again.
16. False.
17. False.
18. False.