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*Written and unwritten rules
around the world*



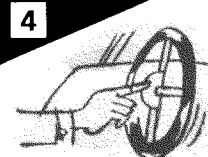
1 In New Zealand you can't get a driving licence until you're 20.



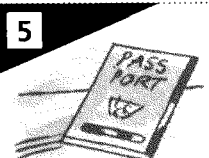
2 In France you can't eat meat on Fridays.



3 In Turkey women can join the army.



4 In English cities you can't sound your car horn from 11pm to 7am.



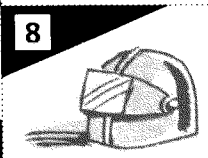
5 You can't travel from London to Edinburgh without a passport.



6 In Germany you can get a licence to ride a bicycle on the motorway.



7 You can't mow the lawn on Sundays in Geneva, Switzerland.



8 In Greece you can't ride a motor bike without wearing a crash helmet.



9 In Mexico you can't sunbathe on Sundays.



10 In England you can't leave school until you're 16.



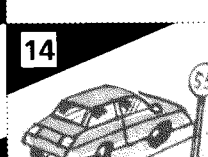
11 In England, you can't turn your back to a statue of the Queen.



12 In Japan you can't use soap in the water in a public bath.



13 In Spain, you can't make a noise after 10 o'clock in the evening.



14 In California, you can't drive at more than 55 miles per hour.



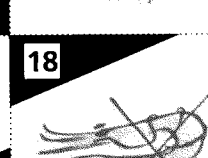
15 In Italy you can't get divorced.



16 In Holland you can't kiss in public.



17 You can't take chewing-gum into Australia.



18 In Brazil you can't eat prawns.

TRUE

FALSE

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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 it in turns to take a card from the pile, read out what is written on it and discuss 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 are the winners.

ANSWERS

- 1 False. You can get a driving licence 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 practise the Catholic faith usually eat fish on Fridays.
- 3 False.
- 4 True.
- 5 False. London and Edinburgh are both in Great Britain.
- 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.
- 15 False. But if you are divorced, you can't get married in a church again.
- 16 False.
- 17 False.
- 18 False.