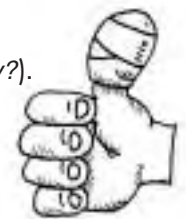


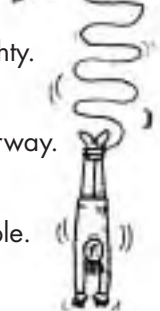
STUDENT A

- 1 In Thailand you can't leave your house when _____.
- 2 You can't have a microwave if you don't have a licence in the UK.
- 3 _____ can't be used in New Year's celebrations in Cambodia.
- 4 In Iceland you must not say the word *shark* on Wednesdays.
- 5 In Canada you are not allowed to take _____ off in public.
- 6 You don't have to pay for a train ticket in France if you are older than eighty.
- 7 You cannot enter the Houses of Parliament in London if you are wearing _____.
- 8 It is illegal to run out of petrol in Germany when you are driving on the motorway.
- 9 You have to have a special licence to change a light bulb in _____ (which country?).
- 10 In Japan all men must take their glasses off when they go into a temple.
- 11 You are not allowed to _____ in Singapore.
- 12 All married Turkish women must ask their husband's permission if they want to have a job.
- 13 You must let somebody into your house in Scotland if they knock on the door and ask to _____.
- 14 You don't have to pay for a meal in restaurants in Denmark if you do not feel full after eating it.
- 15 In Mexico you mustn't _____ when you are riding a bicycle.



STUDENT B

- 1 In Thailand you can't leave your house when you are not wearing any underwear.
- 2 You can't have a _____ if you don't have a licence in the UK.
- 3 Water guns can't be used in New Year's celebrations in Cambodia.
- 4 In Iceland you must not _____ on Wednesdays.
- 5 In Canada you are not allowed to take bandages off in public.
- 6 You don't have to pay for _____ in France if you are older than eighty.
- 7 You cannot enter the Houses of Parliament in London if you are wearing a suit of armour.
- 8 It is illegal to run out of _____ in Germany when you are driving on the motorway.
- 9 You have to have a special licence to change a light bulb in China.
- 10 In Japan all men must take their _____ off when they go into a temple.
- 11 You are not allowed to go bungee jumping in Singapore.
- 12 All married Turkish women must _____ if they want to have a job.
- 13 You must let somebody into your house in Scotland if they knock on the door and ask to use your toilet.
- 14 You don't have to pay for a meal in restaurants in _____ (which country?) if you do not feel full after eating it.
- 15 In Mexico you must not take your feet off the pedals when you are riding a bicycle.



Unusual laws from around the world

Activity Information gap

Aim To form questions about unusual laws and to discuss which ones are true.

Interaction Pairs

Language focus *must/mustn't; can't; have to/don't have to; may; might*

Skills focus Reading, speaking

Preparation Photocopy the worksheet for each pair of students and cut it along the dotted lines.

Time 30 minutes

- Procedure**
- 1 Write *It is illegal in Sweden to paint a house without a special painting licence* and *Women must not eat chocolate on public transport in Britain* on the board. Ask the students if they think these laws are true or not. Tell the students that they are both true but that they are very old and that nobody recognises them.
 - 2 Pre-teach *bandage, armour, motorway, light bulb, bungee jumping* and *pedal* by drawing pictures on the board or by showing the pictures on the worksheet to the students.
 - 3 Divide the class into two groups, A and B. Put the students into pairs with a Student A and a Student B and ask them to sit face to face. Explain that they will each get the same sheet with fifteen unusual laws from around the world but that different information is missing from each sheet. On the board erase *eat chocolate* from the British law and ask the students to come up with the question that they need to ask to find the missing information, e.g. *What must women not do on public transport in Britain?*
 - 4 Give Student A and Student B the appropriate parts of the worksheet. Tell them to ask each other questions to fill in the spaces on their worksheets.
 - 5 When the students have completed their worksheets, tell them to compare their worksheets to check spelling mistakes.
 - 6 Then ask them to discuss together which laws they believe are true.

Key	1 True	9 False
	2 False	10 False
	3 True	11 True
	4 False	12 True
	5 True	13 True
	6 False	14 True
	7 True	15 True
	8 True	