Student Workbook

My visit to Parliament

name
Our System of Democracy

Queensland has a representative democracy.

The Queensland Parliament is based on the British system of government called the W________________system.

Most Westminster Parliaments have two Houses. This is known as a bicameral system.

In what way is the Queensland Parliament different from those of the other States?

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The Government is formed by the political party with the majority of Members elected to Parliament.  ☐ True  ☐ False

What is the title of the person who is the Leader of the State Government?
The P ________________

What is the title of the person who is in charge of the Opposition?
The L ________________ of the Opposition.

What is the name of the written record of what is said in Parliament?
H ___ns ___rd.
The Parliamentary Chambers

Connect the words to the correct House.

Legislative Council

Legislative Assembly

Lower House  green floor  red floor  Upper House

The Mace

The Mace is a symbol of the Queen’s authority in the Parliament, through the Speaker and was originally an ancient weapon of war.

While the Parliament is sitting, the Mace is placed on two raised brackets on the table.

The Mace is 122 cms in length, weighs 7.7 kgs, and is made of sterling silver with gold plating.

There are 32 Queensland gemstones set in the Mace - 9 opals, 2 garnets, 6 amethysts and 15 sapphires.
Who Am I?

Connect the description to the person and then label the photo, using the names in the box below.

The Sergeant-at-Arms
The Speaker
The Governor
The Clerk of the Parliament

I carry the Mace into the Parliament

I am the person who presides over the Legislative Assembly

The ___________________________  The ___________________________
Role of a Member of Parliament

Your local Member of Parliament (MP) performs many different roles. MPs need to be good listeners and good talkers. They listen to the views of their people and make them known in the Parliament.

How many Members of Parliament are in the Legislative Assembly (the Lower House)? ___________ (98, 77, 89)
Laws

Queensland’s State laws are made by the Parliament.  True  False

A Bill is a draft new law.

After a Bill is passed in the Legislative Assembly it does not become law until it is signed by the Governor.

This is called  R Y A S E T

Laws are vital for the orderly running of society.

What would it be like if we did not have a law about stopping at stop signs?

A Day in the Chamber

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If I were an MP...

If I were an MP, this is the law I would make:

My new law would affect these people:

These are the advantages and disadvantages of my new law:

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What was your favourite thing at Parliament House?

write or draw your answer

What I learnt...

Go to

www.parliament.qld.gov.au/WhatILearnt

and tell us what you learnt about Parliament today.
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Find the underlined words.
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