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# Are you old enough?

## Student's Guide



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# Liabilities

## Example #1



Maxime is 10 years old. One day, he breaks his neighbour’s window while playing baseball. The neighbour sees this happen. That evening, the neighbour visits Maxime and his parents, and demands that they pay the cost of a new window. Can the neighbour demand this? If so, who has to pay?

**Hypothesis:**

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**Were you right? If not, write down an adequate answer.**

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### Liabilities Other Examples



Lea, age 13, is having a really tough day at school. Not only did she leave her lunch on the bus this morning, she also forgot about the big math test today! She feels really frazzled. After school, Marie starts making fun of her and calls her an airhead. Lea loses her temper and punches Marie in the face, breaking her nose. Marie's parents are furious. What can Marie's parents do

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# Liabilities

## Other Examples



For his birthday, Mathis got a new iPhone. He brought it to school even though his father warned him not to. His father was right: during the second morning period, the iPhone disappeared from Mathis' locker. Mathis used the Find My iPhone app, which located the phone in the jacket pocket of a 12-year-old student named Paul. The principal called the police to teach Paul a lesson. Do you think the principal overreacted?

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# Liabilities

## Other Examples



Brian, age 10, is riding his bike to a friend’s house. He is riding fast down a hill when, suddenly, a car turns directly at him! Swerving sharply to avoid being hit, Brian collides with a parked car, damaging its door. The owner of the parked car gets out and demands that Brian pay the repair costs. Does Brian have to pay?

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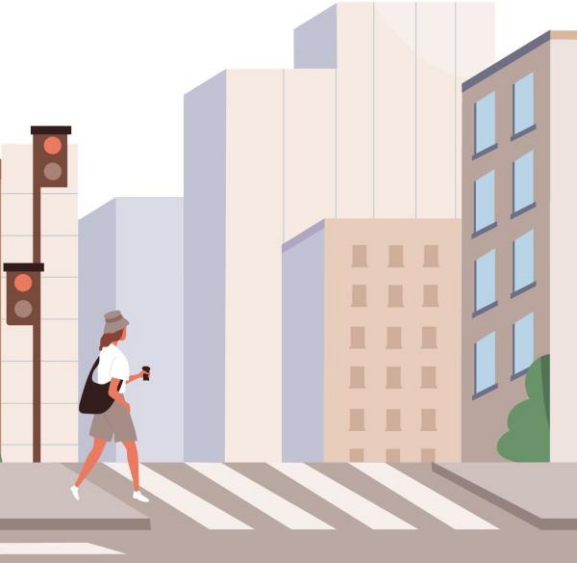
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# Liabilities

## Other Examples



Rosa is 14 years old. One day, she crosses an intersection on a red light because no cars are coming. A police officer stops her. What can happen to Rosa?

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# My Freedoms Example #1



Mira, who is 14 years old, is madly in love with her neighbour Kevin, who is 20 years old. Last week, Kevin asked Mira to be his girlfriend. Kevin has his own little apartment on campus and says that Mira can spend the night whenever she wants. Mira’s parents don’t approve. They think Mira is too young to date a 20-year-old and spend the night at his place. What does the law say?

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# My Freedoms Other Examples



Hamza, who is 15 years old, has always hated his nose. Ever since he was little, people have teased him and given him rude nicknames because of it. He makes an appointment with a surgeon to find out about getting cosmetic surgery to change the shape of his nose. Does he have the right to do this?

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# My Freedoms

## Other Examples



Arthur is 12 years old. His parents want him to have every opportunity, so they have put him in violin, Spanish and swimming lessons. They say that keeping his mind and body busy will help him develop good habits and succeed in life. But Arthur is exhausted from having activities every night. He tells his parents that he feels overworked and anxious, and asks if he can do fewer extracurricular activities. His parents refuse, saying that it's for his own good. What can Arthur do?

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# My Freedoms Other Examples



Emma is 14 years old. One day, she rode as a passenger in her friend’s car without fastening her seatbelt. The police pulled them over. What can happen to Emma? What can happen to the driver?

**Hypothesis:**

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# My Protections Example #1



Julie, who is 13 years old, lives in Longueuil. Her parents are separating. Her mother is moving to Saint-Jérôme and would like Julie to spend every second week at her house. Her father is remaining in Longueuil and wants Julie to spend as much time as possible at his house. Because Julie’s school, friends and favourite cousins are in Longueuil, she tells her parents that she would rather live with her father. Who can decide where Julie will live?

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**Were you right? If not, write down an adequate answer.**

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# My Protections

## Other Examples



Emile, who is 16 years old, wants to change his name to Ronaldo. He has always dreamed of having the same name as his favourite soccer player! Does Emile have the right to change his name?

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**Were you right? If not, write down an adequate answer.**

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# My Protections

## Other Examples



David, who is 11 years old, has holes in his shoes. When he asks his parents to buy him a new pair, they suggest that he wear his big brother's old shoes instead. His brother's shoes are still in good shape, so his parents think this is reasonable. David disagrees and says his parents are not meeting his need for clothing. Is he right?

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**Were you right? If not, write down an adequate answer.**

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# My Protections Other Examples



Alex is a grade 6 teacher. Last week, he read a scientific article that said that on average, girls do better in school because they find it easier to stay calm and listen for long periods of time. Alex doesn't think this is fair to boys, so he decides that from now on, he will automatically give the boys in his class an extra 5% on all tests. Does Alex have the right to do this? Explain your answer.

**Hypothesis:**

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**Were you right? If not, write down an adequate answer.**

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# Sexuality Education Extra Example



You notice that your classmate Josephine has become increasingly unhappy since her mother’s new boyfriend moved in.

During the weeks Josephine lives at her mother’s house, she never seems to want to go home. Josephine has always been well-behaved, but now she is purposely getting detention after school so that her mother will have to come pick her up! You have also noticed that Josephine’s new stepdad always wants to be alone with her. One time, you were at their house to play with Josephine, and he kicked you out as soon as Josephine’s mother left.

You are worried about your friend. What should you do?

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