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# What are British Values?

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**What are the five British Values?**

**Where might you see these values in action?**

**How can these values help us?**

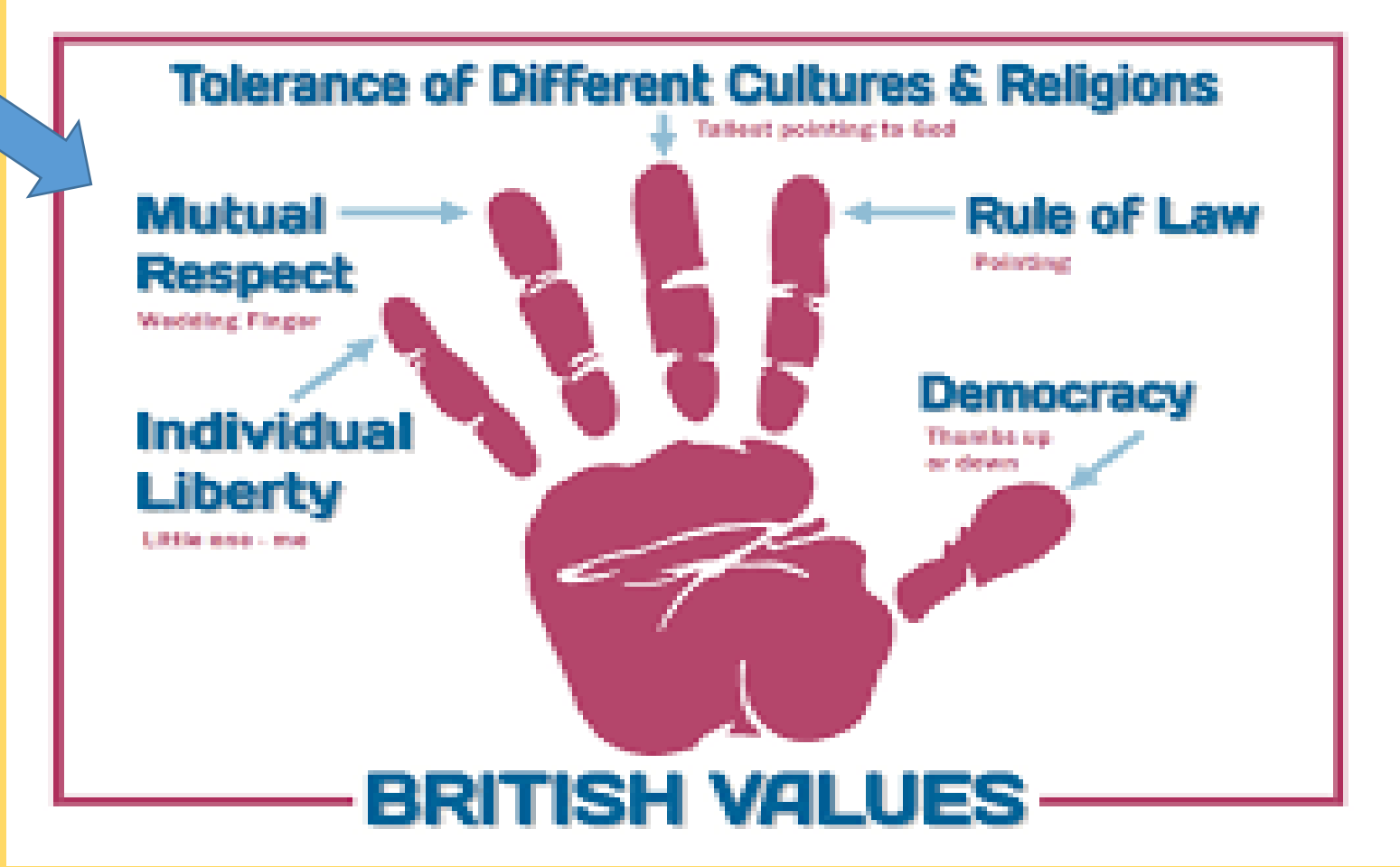
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# The British Government uses this image of a hand to explain our British Values.

Today, we are going to think about the British Values, focusing on Rule of Law.

What can you remember about the Rule of Law?



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# Value 2: Rule of Law

This is the belief that rules and laws should be fair and help everyone to live safely and happily. It also involves everyone working hard to follow the rules and laws.
Countries that observe 'the rule of law' hold it as a principle that everyone is equal before the law. The actions of governments or rulers can be challenged in court; in a fair society no-one is above the law.




Today, we are learning about the second British Value – Rule of Law.

## What is a law?

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The rule of law is a framework we follow as a society to ensure everyone can live happily and safely.
It involves everyone working hard to follow the rules and ensuring we have people and systems in place to uphold the law.
If we don't follow these rules, we might face penalties or consequences.

What laws or rules do you know that we follow in the UK?

Why are there consequences in place if we don't follow the rules set by the law?



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In Britain and other British Isles, we have rules that British people follow. These are called laws. The laws help us all to stay safe, be happy and treat each other well.

These laws are there for our protection, so that we all behave in a way that helps us to live safely and doesn’t harm ourselves, others or our environment.

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**Can you think of different places where you have to follow the rules?**





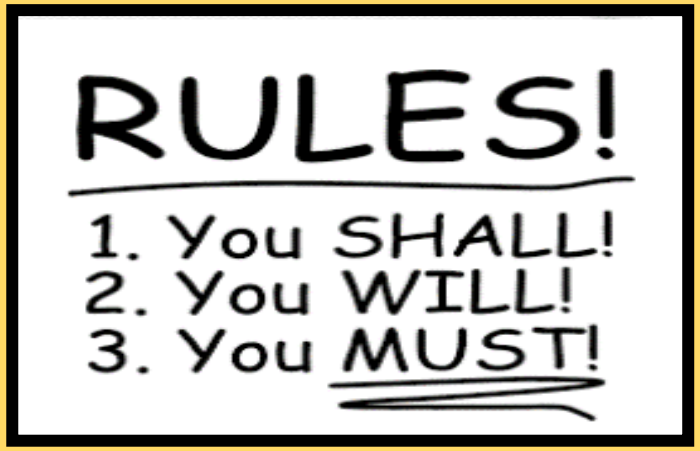


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**Rules are important because they make sure people are safe and tell you how to behave in a situation.**

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*There are lots of rules and laws that keep us safe that we sometimes don't know about!*

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There are lots of rules and laws to do with lots of things that are around us.

Can you think of any to do with these?







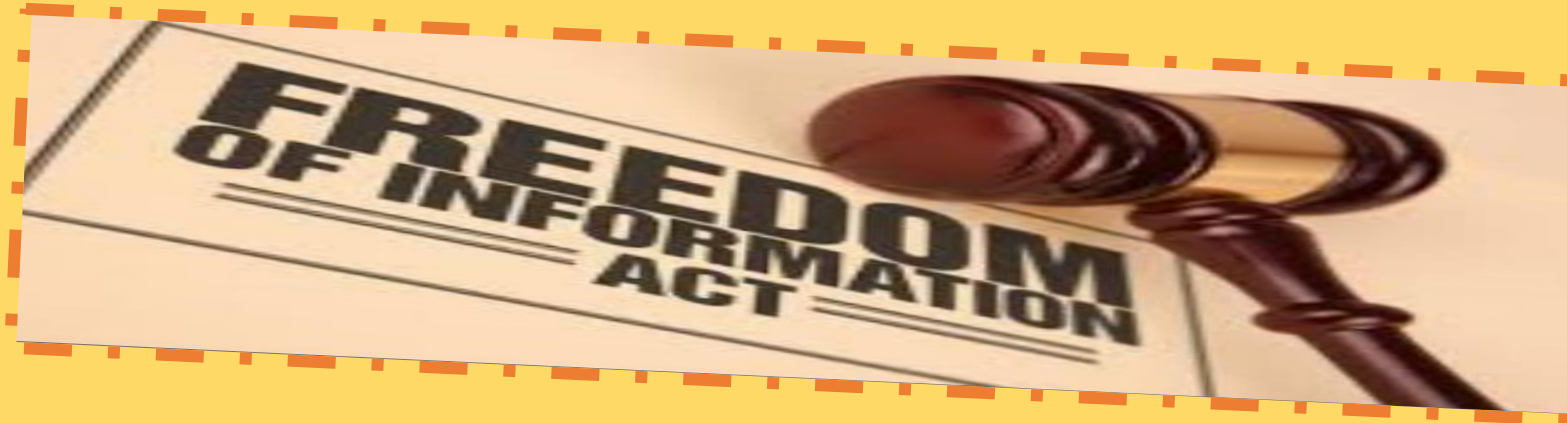

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**There are many laws that have been passed that protect us!**

**Can you see which one of these would help the people in the following slides…..**

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Food Safety Act 1990

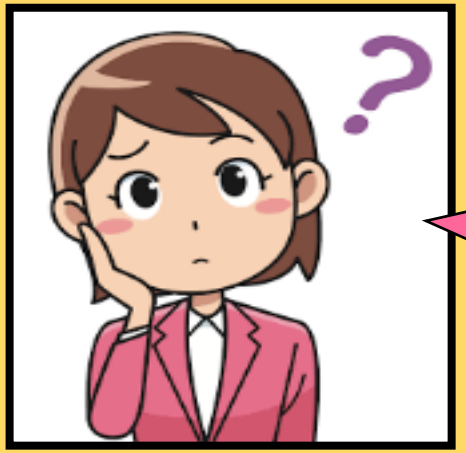
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1994




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Mary says that the milk she bought this morning was out of date!



**SHOULD THIS BE ALLOWED?**

**IS THERE A LAW AGAINST THIS?**




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Jason says that only buses and taxis should be allowed to pass the traffic at peak times!



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**The rule of the law in Britain means that we have a police force who make sure people do not do the wrong thing and break the law. This means that we are safe.**



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British laws are made in parliament at Westminster. There are also some British laws discussed in the Welsh Assembly, Scottish Parliament, and Northern Ireland Assembly. While some laws apply to the whole of Britain, others may only apply to one, two, or three countries.



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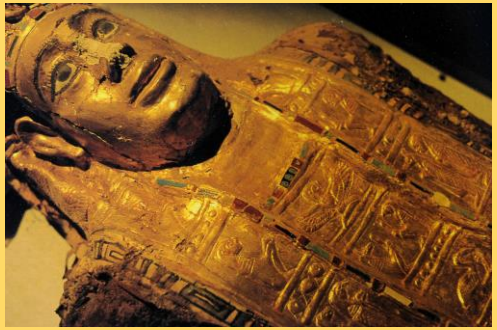



# *Why do we need laws anyway?*

Danny wished that there were no rules or laws because they were useless and just got him into trouble. Earlier that day, he had been sent home early from school because he had not observed the rules during a school museum trip.

He had left his class without telling his teacher and had sneaked in to see the mummies in the Ancient Egypt section. Sammy had no idea how big the museum actually was and had got really lost.

The police had to be called, and his parents had to rush to the museum.  He got into big trouble!



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There would be no pocket money or football club for him for the next 4 weeks and Danny had been sent to bed early. That night, just as he drifted off to sleep, he clasped his bed sheets really hard and wished with all his heart! "I hate rules! I hate stupid laws? I wish we didn't have any! Who needs them?" Danny whispered as he cried. His eyes shut slowly as he drifted off to sleep.

The night passed very quickly and when the alarm bell rang, Danny ran out of bed and got dressed! He had been sent to bed without any food and now his stomach was churning for breakfast! He opened the fridge door and pulled out a carton of milk from the fridge. It looked really curdled and smelt a little off.

"Urg!" spluttered Danny as he sipped his tea. Danny tilted the carton to see the sell by date and it was past it by a good few days! "This milk is out of date!" Danny yelled across the kitchen to his mother.

"I only just got that this morning." shouted his mum from upstairs.

"They sold something out of date! That's against the law!" he shouted back!

"Well, I remember someone yesterday saying that they wished they were no laws! Perhaps your wish came true Danny!" mum shouted back. Danny didn't want to get into another argument and so just left the house with his bag.

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He walked down the road - still hungry - and got to the traffic lights. It was taking unusually long for the lights to change so he glanced up at the lights. The lights were red, but cars sped by anyway. Perhaps the lights are broken, or they have really done away with the law, Danny thought as he stood waiting for the right time to pass.

Cars whizzed past him so fast that Danny was too scared to cross the road. He looked around for other parents and waited until they thought it was safe to cross.



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When Danny did get to school, he realised that there was no one at the gates, the doors were wide open and when he went to put his coat on the peg, there was a strange man lurking around in the classes.
He rushed over to the school office and told Mrs Thompson who looked at him and smiled.
“Danny, so what if there are strange men and women around the school lurking around?  she asked looking at him as if she had won some sort of an argument.

“Well… it’s not safe.  I mean for the children.” Danny stammered, realising perhaps that a world without rules and laws wasn’t really the kind of thing that would be good for everyone. Well, after all, he thought, it hadn’t really gone very well so far, had it?

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He shrugged his shoulders and walked into the classroom. A paper aeroplane flew into his face, and someone pushed him against the wall.

"Oi Smithers! Give us your pocket money or I will punch your lights out!" demanded Larry Winters, holding Danny against the wall with one hand and scrunching up his shirt collar with the other.
His face was horrible so close up and Danny tried to see if Mrs Morris was watching.
"Let go or I will tell!" squeaked Danny as he tried to scramble out of his grasp.

"So what? What will Mrs Morris do? There is no law against this?"

***Is there?***

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Do you think Danny really wishes there were no laws or rules?

Remember, rules and laws are there to help us, to keep us safe and help us work and live together.

What would you prefer – laws or no laws?





# Time for quiet reflection

Close your eyes and think about a rule you don't like following at a school..

Now think about what it would be like if no one followed that rule….

Today let's be patient and follow all the school rules that help us to learn and get along with each other…

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Dear God,
We thank you for the rules and laws
that keep us safe and treated fairly.

Help us to follow and respect the rules
and laws that keep us safe.

Help us to value and respect them and
to treat others fairly.

Amen



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Let us finish with the Lord’s prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.