

Year 8 Pre-Visit Activity
Democracy in Action (ACHCK061)

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1. Draw a line between the system of government and the correct explanation and example. Use the words in the descriptions as clues. One is done for you.

System of Government	Explanation	Example
Parliamentary Democracy	A monarch shares power with a constitutionally organized government.	Australia
Presidential Democracy	Parliamentary in style. A Prime-Minister is the leader of the Government. Elected legislature and executive branch.	North Korea
Constitutional Monarchy	A nation ruled by one person, a charismatic leader, who has absolute power.	Thailand
Dictatorship	A centralised form of government with total control of the state, requiring complete obedience to the state.	America
Totalitarian	Political power is shared by an elected President and legislature.	China

2. Unscramble some of the freedoms we have in Australia, and draw a line to correct explanation. One is done for you.

Scramble	Unscramble	Explanation
DEEFMOR FO EEINOPRSSX		Choose and practice your own faith or belief.
DEEFMOR FO AACIINSSTOO		To gather peacefully in a group.
DEEFMOR FO ABELMSSY	Freedom of assembly	To seek, receive and impart ideas in any media of choice; and to hold opinions.
DEEFMOR FO EGIILNOR		Join unions, associations, organisations, in small or large collective groups.
DEEFMOR FO EEMMNOTV		Be eligible to vote or be elected at genuine elections.
DEEFMOR FO CIILV ADN ACIILLOPT GHIRST		Move freely and choose a place of residence within a country without restrictions.

3. Match up the Australian law with the correct pictures above.

Racial Discrimination Act 1975	Age Discrimination Act 2004	Disability Discrimination Act 1992

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4. A democracy is always changing. 1) Choose two people or events. Note 3 significant facts on how they have contributed to Australia's democracy. Research and write notes. 2) Note which freedoms or rights their contributions relate to.

