1 If you are born here you are a citizen.
2 People who move here can also become citizens.
3 The law says I'm innocent until proved guilty! You can’t lock me up without proof! And you can’t put me in jail without a fair trial.
4 Some laws are made by courts.
5 Citizens are members of juries and help decide if people break the law.
6 A policeman directing traffic makes sure that people obey the laws.
7 Children must go to school until they are 15 years of age.
8 All types of people work in the government.
9 Citizens who are 18 and over can vote for people in parliament.
10 The ‘leader’ of the Government is called the Prime Minister.
11 You can get to be the Prime Minister of this country if you are the leader of your party and it wins an election.
12 Prime Ministers cannot just make up any laws they like. Parliament has to agree that a law is a good one.
13 What if the voters do not like the laws the Government makes? Voters have their say at the next election. They can vote for different parliamentarians.
14 When the people of a country rule through voting it is called democracy.
15 The Parliament meets at Parliament House in Canberra, ACT.