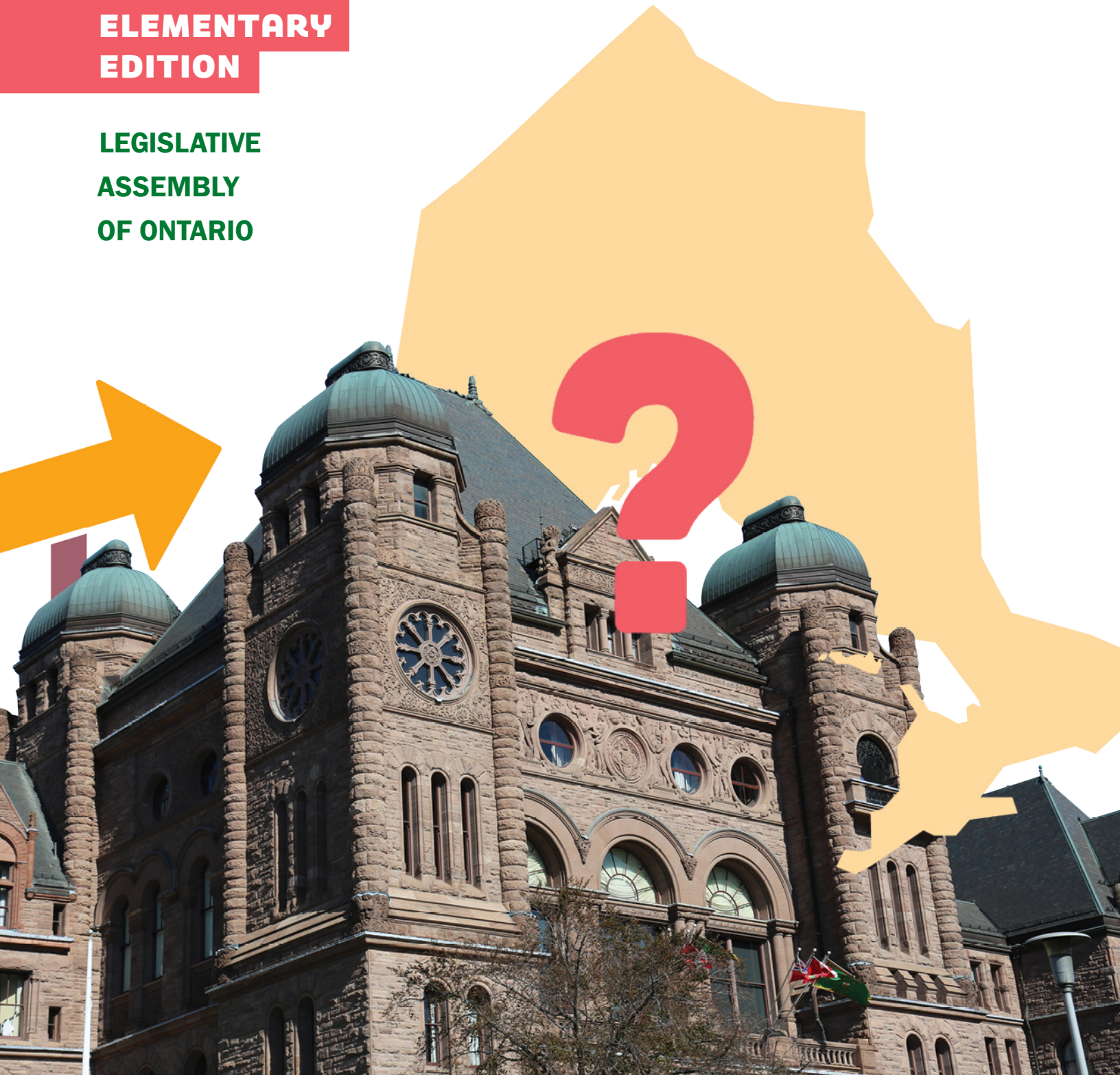


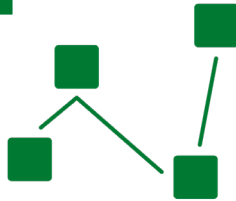
STUDENT WORKBOOK

**ELEMENTARY
EDITION**

**LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY
OF ONTARIO**



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**THIS BOOK
BELONGS TO:**

WHAT IS GOVERNMENT?

Fill in the blanks using the words found in the word bank below!

Premier

Members of Provincial Parliament

Leader of the Official Opposition

Political Parties

Government

THE GOVERNMENT

After an election, the political party with the greatest (most) number of elected members is asked to form the _____ . The leader of the party with the largest number of elected _____ becomes the leader of the provincial government, called the _____ .

The government is responsible for setting priorities and policies that take care of the day-to-day running of the province.

THE OPPOSITION

The opposition in Parliament holds the government of the day accountable. The opposition is usually made up of one or more _____ .

The political party that elects the second-largest number of MPPs after the governing party forms the Official Opposition and their leader becomes the _____ .

BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

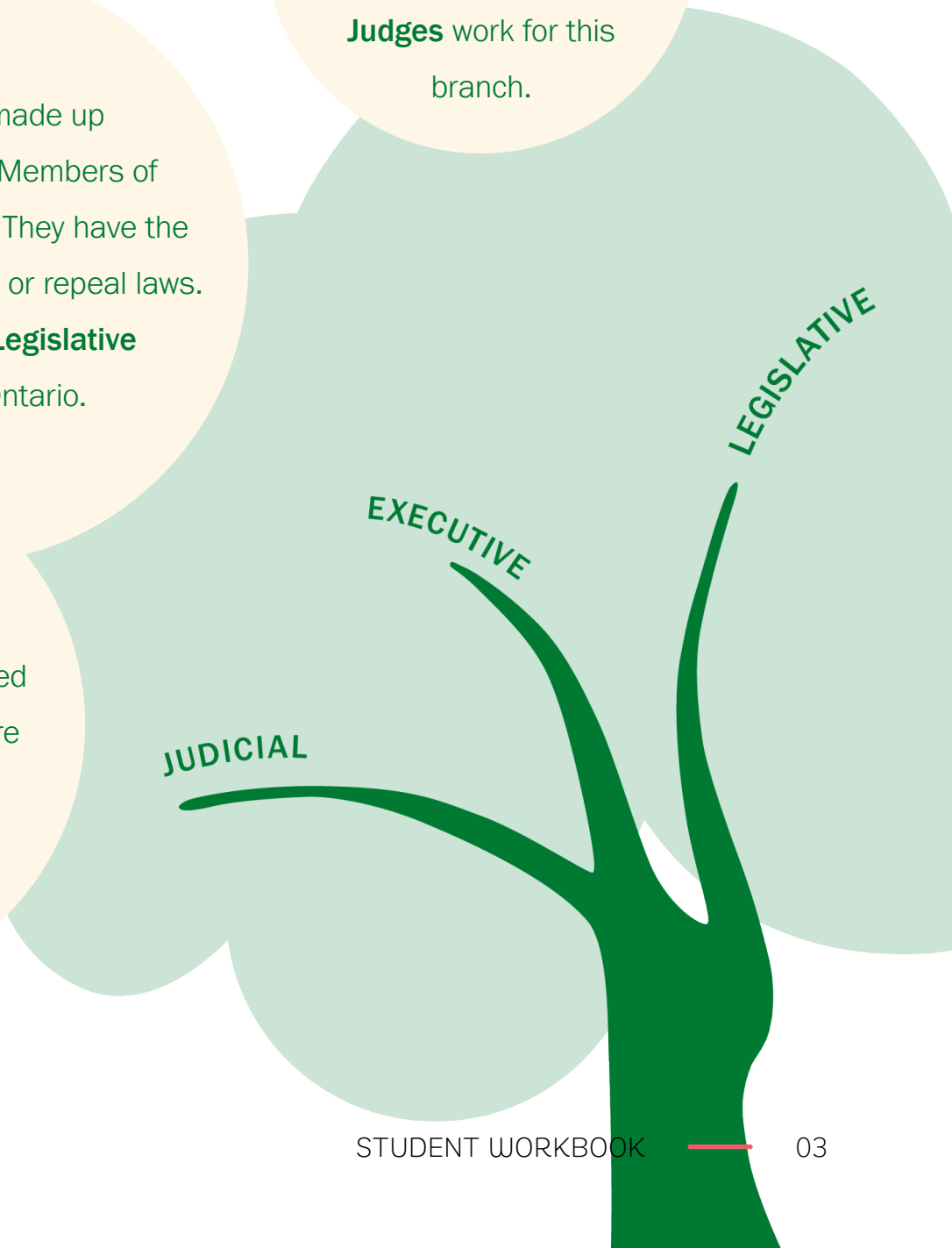
There are three branches of government in Ontario.

Choose the branch of government below that matches each description.

This branch is made up of the 124 elected Members of Provincial Parliament. They have the power to pass, amend, or repeal laws. They work at the **Legislative** Assembly of Ontario.

This branch is made up of the Ministers of Cabinet. They can also be called the **Executive** Council. They are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor on the advice of the Premier.

This branch is the system of courts that interprets and applies the law. **Judges** work for this branch.



LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

Fill in the blanks using the words found in the word bank below!

City/Town Hall

Ottawa

Premier

Prime Minister

Ten

Toronto

Money

Education

Mayor/Reeve

Three

Local Parks

THE FEDERAL LEVEL

The federal Parliament is located in _____,

Canada's capital city! The federal government is

responsible for things that affect Canada as a country,

like citizenship, _____, and the army.

The leader of the federal government is called

the _____.

THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL

There are ____ provinces and ____ territories

in Canada. Ontario's Parliament, also called the

Legislative Assembly of Ontario, is located in

_____.

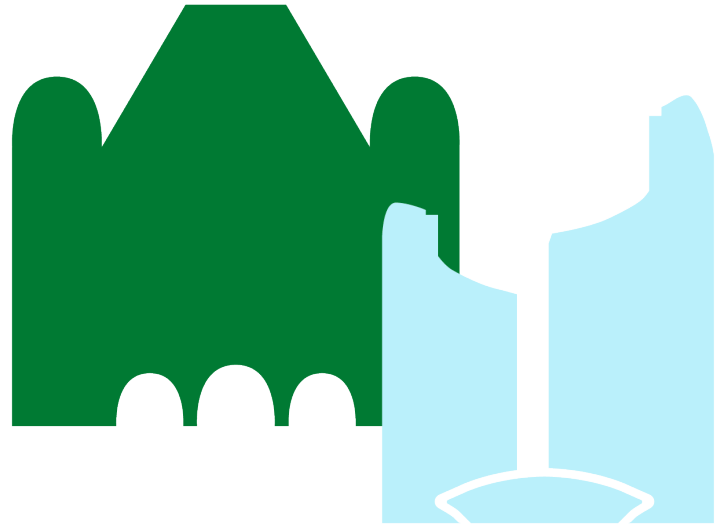
The provincial government is responsible for things

that affect Ontario as a province, like driver's

licenses, health care, and _____.

The leader of the provincial government is

called the _____.



THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL

Each city or town has its own government.

The municipal level is responsible for local issues, like

local roads, _____, _____, and

local police. The leader of the municipal government is

usually called a _____ and they would work

at _____.

ACTIVITY

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

List each responsibility under the appropriate level of government.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Lottery

Foreign Affairs

Public Transit

Birth Certificates

Garbage Pick-up

RCMP

Canada Post

Healthcare

Recycling

Citizenship and Immigration

Public Libraries

Road Signs

City Parks

Local Police

Snow Removal

Criminal Law

Army

OPP

Driver's Licenses

Marriage Certificates

Transportation

Education

Money

Firefighters

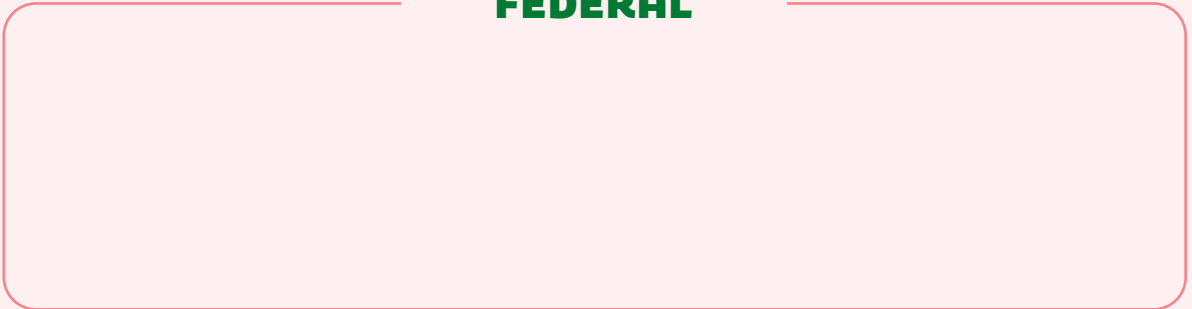
Fisheries

Provincial Parks

Tourism

LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

FEDERAL



PROVINCIAL



MUNICIPAL



ABOUT THE CROWN

CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY

Canada is a constitutional monarchy, which means His Majesty King Charles III is Canada's Head of State. Although all laws in Canada are passed in the monarch's name, the power of governing rests with the Prime Minister or the Premier. The Head of State has no influence over decisions made by the country's elected officials and does not interfere with the decisions of parliament.

The Governor General and the Lieutenant Governor represent the King in Canada and the Provinces and act on his behalf.



Choose the title that matches each role below.

TITLES

His Majesty
King Charles III

Governor General
of Canada

Lieutenant Governor
of Ontario

ROLES

Canada's Head
of State

Represents
the King
in Ontario

Represents
the King
in Canada



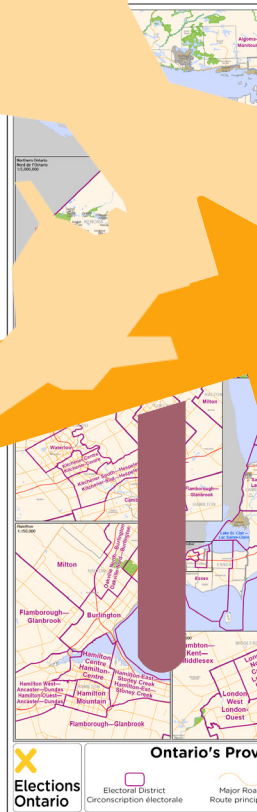
MEMBERS OF PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

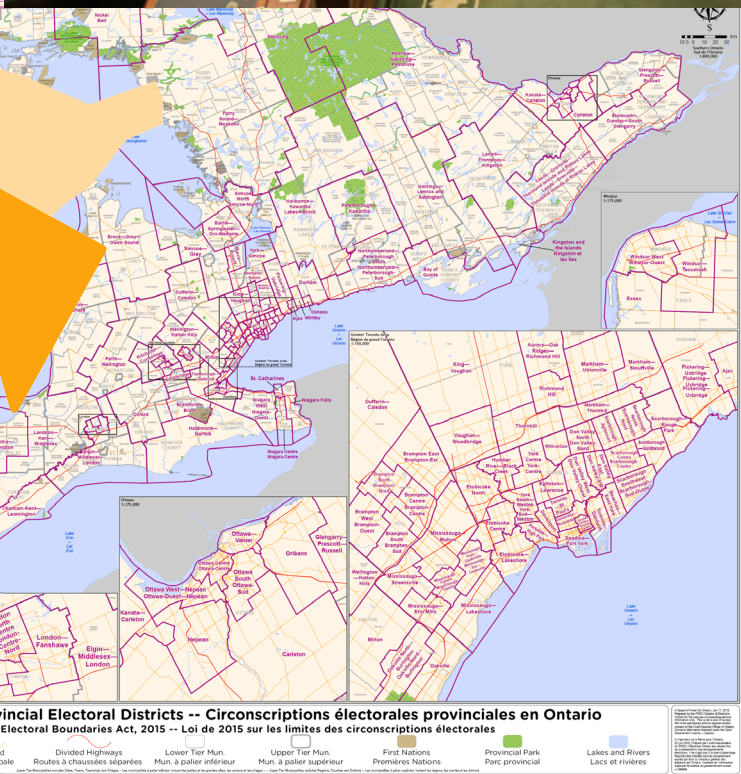
Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) are elected by the people of Ontario. Each MPP represents the people of their electoral district (riding) in the provincial Parliament. There are 124 MPPs, one for each electoral district in Ontario. MPPs work in the Legislative Chamber and building in Toronto, and in their communities.

MPPs have many roles and responsibilities.

Select the tasks below that are **NOT** part of a Member of Provincial Parliament's job:

- *discuss and debate proposed bills*
- *represent the people from their community at the provincial parliament*
- *rescue lots of animals*
- *help people in their community*
- *work in Toronto*
- *have a swimming pool at their house for everyone in the neighbourhood*
- *attend special events in their community*
- *work in their community*





WHO IS YOUR MPP?

Visit the Elections Ontario website at www.elections.on.ca and enter your postal code to find out the name of your electoral district (riding) and MPP!

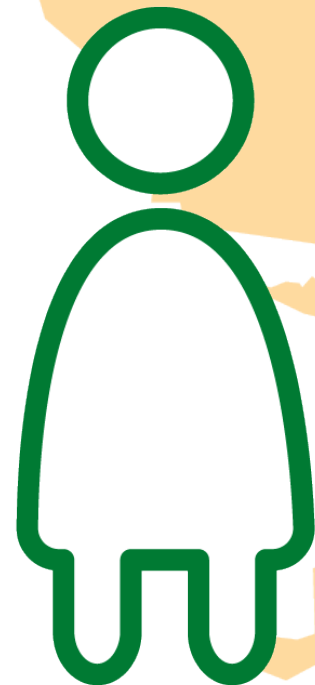
VOTING AND POLITICAL PARTIES

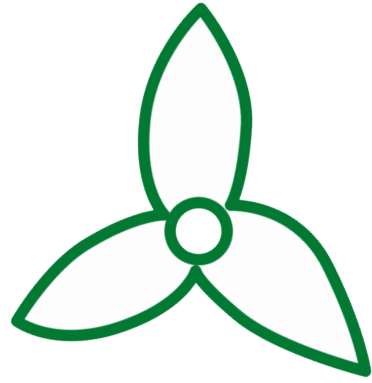
VOTING IN ONTARIO

During an election, the candidate who receives the most votes, becomes the MPP for that electoral district, even if they received less than 50% of the total votes cast. Only Canadian citizens who live in the Province of Ontario and who are over the age of 18 can vote in a provincial election.

POLITICAL PARTIES

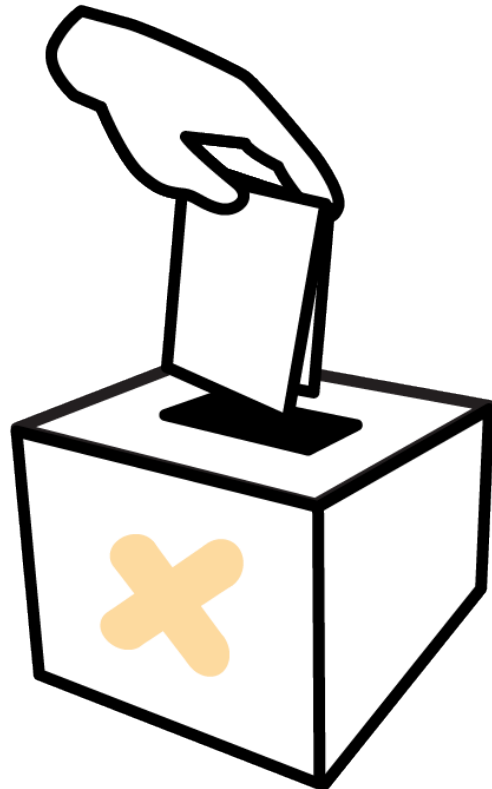
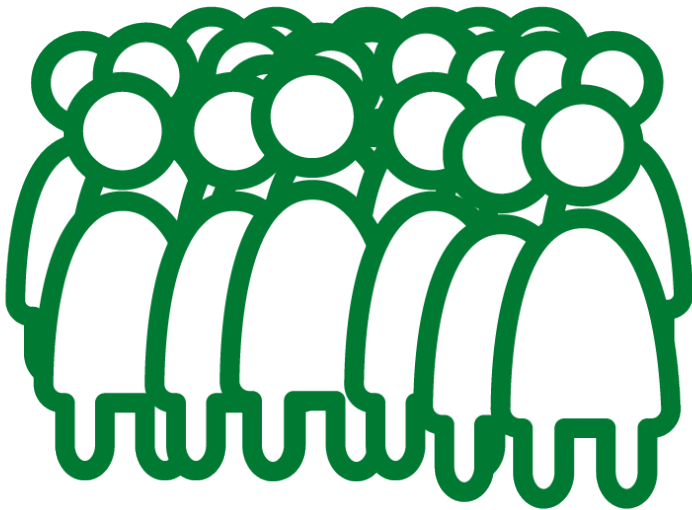
After a provincial election, the political party with the most MPPs will usually be asked to form the government. The other members and parties would form the opposition. In Ontario, there are many recognized parties, some of which are represented in the provincial parliament. Each political party has their own party leader.





WHO ARE MY REPRESENTATIVES?

1. What is the name of your electoral district? _____
2. Who is the MPP for your riding? _____
3. What political party does your MPP belong to? _____
4. Is your MPP a member of the government or the opposition? _____
5. Who is the MP for your federal electoral district? _____
6. Who is the City Councilor for your area? _____



THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER

MPPs and various House Officers sit in the Legislative Chamber when the House is in session. This is where MPPs work to change or create new laws in Ontario.



Label the roles in the Legislative Chamber using the options from the word bank below.

- Sergeant-at-Arms
- Pages
- Speaker
- Government
- Hansard Reporters
- Clerk and Table Clerks
- Opposition
- Legislative Mace

8. _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

7. _____

6. _____



PARLIAMENTARY ROLES

Choose the Parliamentary Role that matches each description.



I am an expert in the rules of Parliament! I also am responsible for counting the votes in the Chamber.

We deliver messages to and from the MPPs while in the Chamber. We also bring them glasses of water!

I record what the MPPs say while in the Chamber. You can read this record online once I am finished!

I am in charge of security in the Chamber and throughout the whole building. I am also the guardian of the Mace.

I give MPPs permission to speak in the Chamber. I will not participate in the debates and I can only vote if there is a tie.



THE SPEAKER



THE CLERK



THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



LEGISLATIVE PAGES

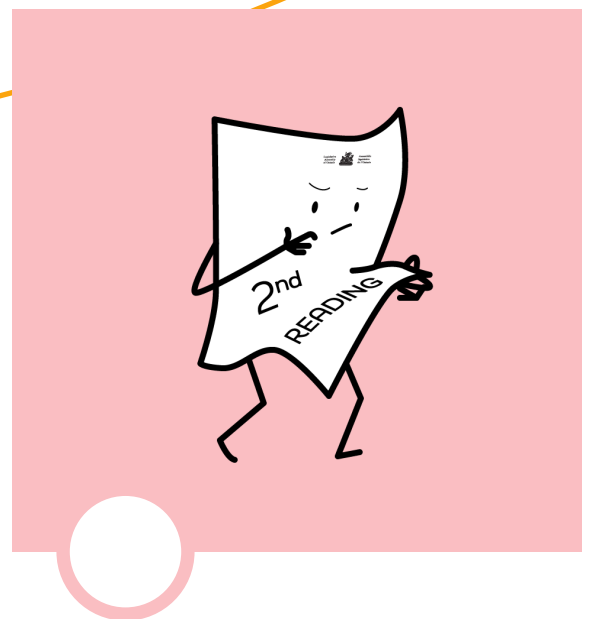
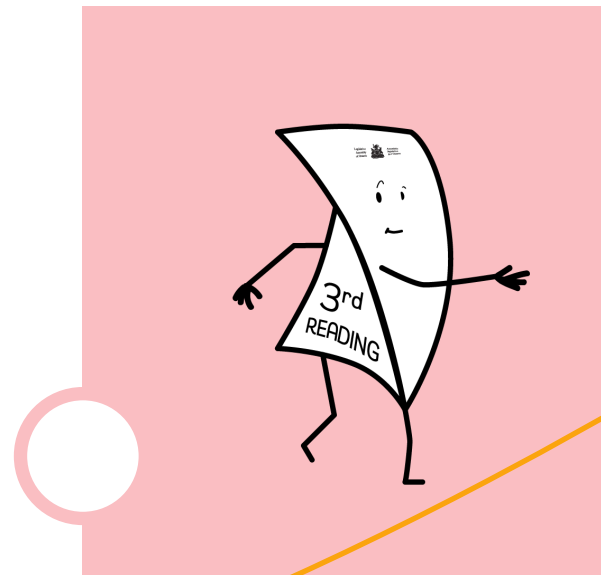
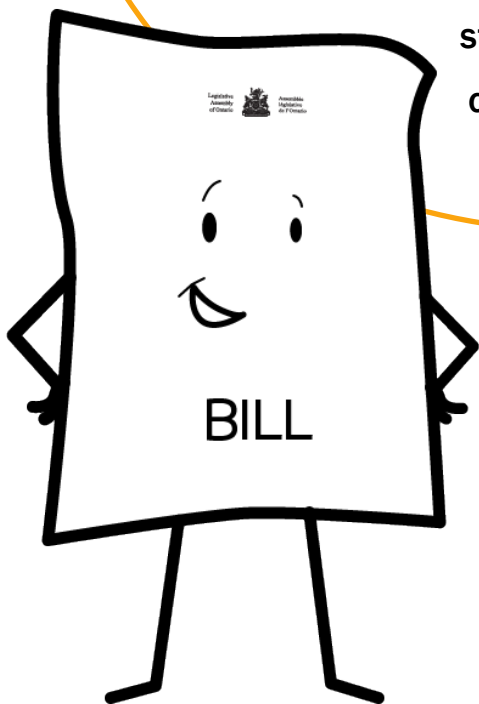


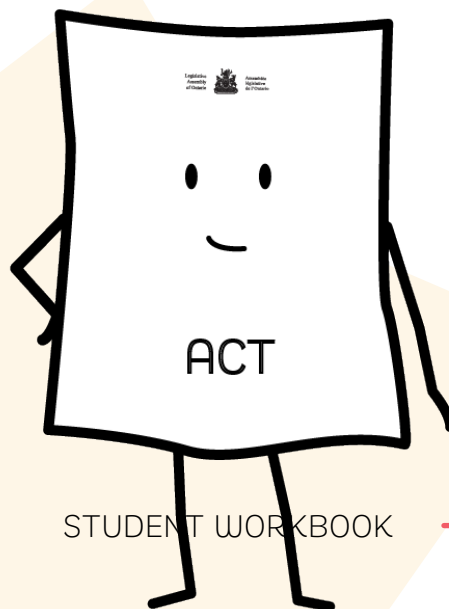
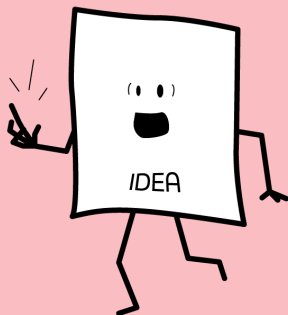
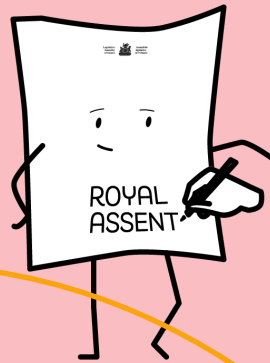
HANSARD REPORTER

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

The process of passing bills into law is one of the main tasks of a Parliament and it takes up a major portion of the Assembly's time. All bills must pass through several stages of the legislative process before a bill can become a law.

The stages of a bill are all scrambled! Put these stages in the correct order by filling in each stage's number in the circles below.





? DID YOU KNOW

A law is also called an Act.

Legislative
Assembly
of Ontario



Assemblée
législative
de l'Ontario

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