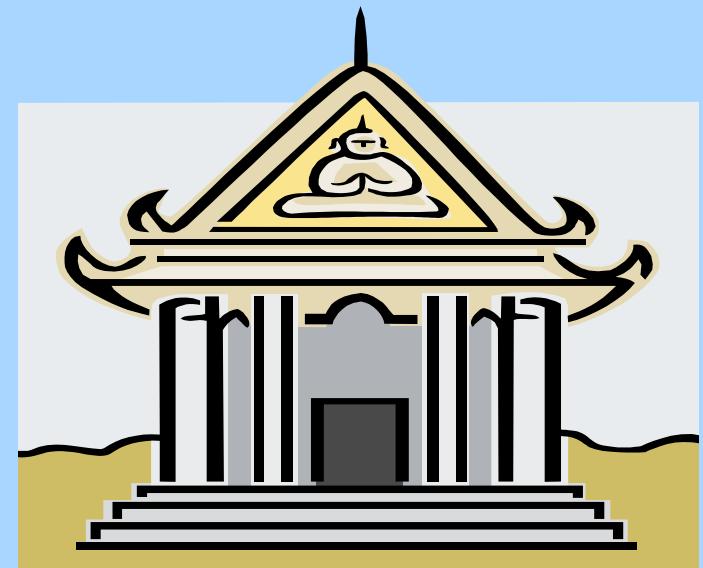


The Rights of the Child

- There is an international law called “The Convention on the Rights of the Child”. Everyone is entitled to know what their rights are, and to know about this convention.
- Everyone under the age of 18 has the rights of the convention. People over 18 have the declaration of “Human Rights” which is slightly different.
- All the countries of the world have agreed to make this law work, except two: the USA and Somalia. Your rights are about what you are allowed to do, and what the people responsible for you have to do for you to make sure you are happy, healthy and safe. Of course you also have responsibilities towards other people (children and adults) to make sure they get their rights.

Culture

Regardless of your race, religion or language, you have the right to enjoy your own culture, practise your own religion and to use your own language.



War

You have the right to protection during times of war. If you are under 15, you should never have to be in an army or take part in a battle.



Politics

You have the right to collect information from the media – radio, newspapers and TV – from all over the world.

You should be protected from information that could harm you.



Standard of Living

You have the right to a good enough standard of living.

This means you should have food, clothes and a place to live.



Law

You have the right to help in defending yourself if you are accused of breaking the law.



Child Trade

No one is allowed to
kidnap or sell you.



Clubs

You have the right to be with friends and join or set up clubs, unless this breaks the rights of others.



Torture

You have the right not to be punished
in a cruel or hurtful way.



Health

You have the right to the best health possible and to medical care and information that will help you to stay well.



Education



You have
the right
to education.

Privacy

You have the right to a private life.
For instance, you can keep a diary
that other people are not allowed to
see.



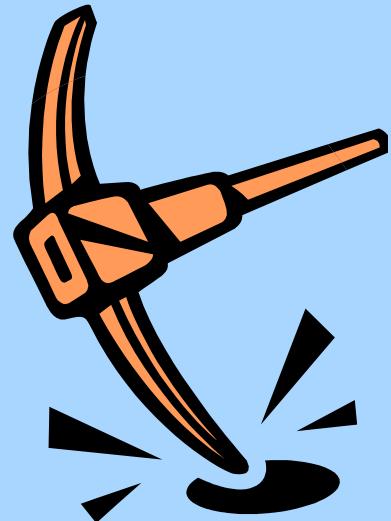
Freedom of Expression

You have the right to find out things
and say what you think,
through making art,
speaking and writing
unless it breaks the
rights of others.



Work

You have the right to protection from work that is bad for your health or education.



Opinions

You have a right to an opinion
and for it to be listened
to and taken seriously.



Family

You have the
right to live with
your parents,
unless it is bad
for you.



Rights... and responsibilities

- We have rights, which we get from laws, and we also have responsibilities.
- Wherever there are rights, responsibilities also exist otherwise no one would be able to receive their rights. It's about balance, and sometimes it is a very fine balance.
- Responsibilities can be legal (for example, to pay taxes and obey other laws) or they can be moral.
Something that is moral is the correct thing to do, though we are not always forced to do it by law.
- Because you have the right to education, someone has the responsibility to provide it for you and *you* have the responsibility not to disrupt lessons and prevent your classmates from *their* right to education.
- We must not forget that we should not break someone else's rights.