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Rules & Laws

Use the text to answer each question below.

- 1.** Rules are instructions that tell us how to act, or behave. For example, many schools have a rule of no running in the halls. Why do schools have this rule? It's not to take away your fun. It's because when people run in the halls, they can bump into each other and get hurt. The rule helps people avoid accidents. It helps everyone stay safe. In fact, safety is the reason behind many of the rules in place at school, at home, and in the community.

Why do schools have a rule of no running in the halls?

- A. To keep everyone safe
B. To stop people from having fun
C. To make kids late for recess

- 2.** Rules help things run smoothly. For example, some classrooms have a rule that only one person talks at a time. This way, everyone can hear what is being said. Another reason for rules is fairness. Libraries have a rule that when you borrow a book, you have to return it by a certain date. Otherwise, you might have to pay a library fine. After all, other people deserve the chance to read the book, too! This rule keeps things fair.

Why do libraries have a rule about the length of time that books can be borrowed?

- A. To keep everyone safe
B. To keep things fair
C. To make sure everyone can hear the
librarian

- 3.** Laws are rules that are created by the government. Everyone has to follow the law—even the president of the United States! Like rules, laws help keep things running smoothly and fairly, and they help everyone stay safe. It is a crime to break the law. Some crimes are very serious. For example, stealing from a store is a serious crime. A person who does this could get arrested.

Who has to follow the law?

- A. Everyone
B. Only adults
C. Only the president