

Why Do We Need Rules?



It may seem like there are a lot of rules, but rules are important. There are rules everywhere. There are rules at home. There are rules at school. There are rules at the park.

Why do we need rules? Rules keep us safe. Without rules, children could run in the halls. That would not be safe. Someone might get hurt.

Rules keep things fair. Without rules, a friend might not get a turn in a game. That would not be fair. Without rules, the world would not be safe or fair.

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Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer.

1. Where are there rules?

- a) only at home
- b) everywhere
- c) only at school

2. This passage explains why rules are important. What is one reason why rules are important?

- a) Rules are fun to follow.
- b) Rules are unfair.
- c) Rules keep us safe.

3. Without rules, children could run in the halls. Without rules, a friend might not get a turn in a game. What does this show about rules?

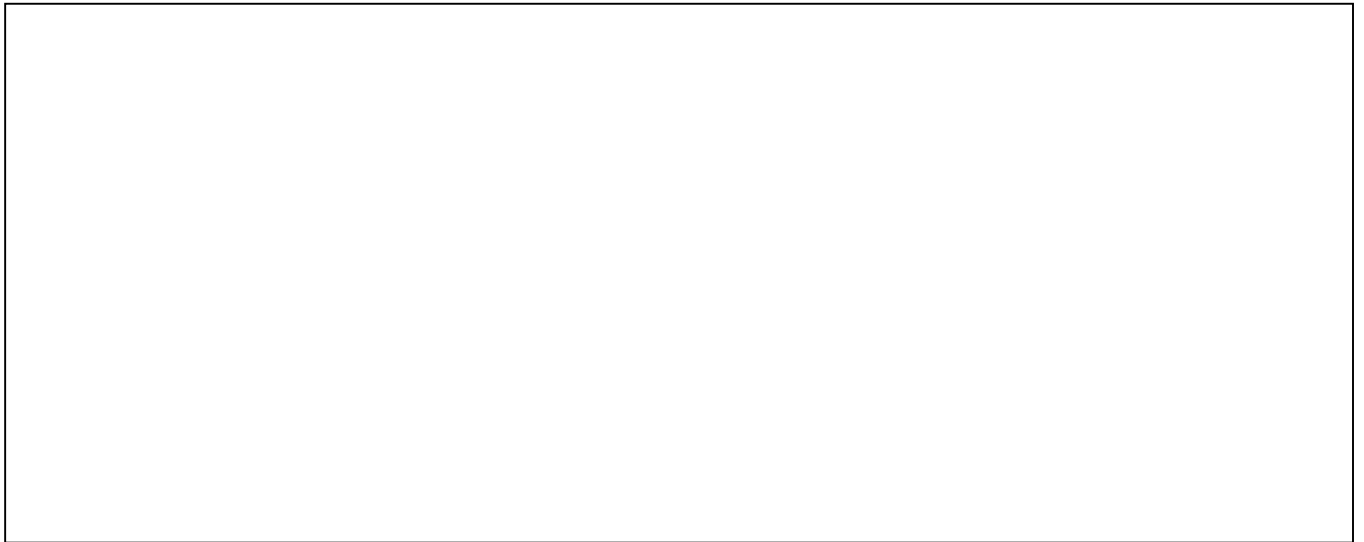
- a) There are rules at the park.
- b) We need rules.
- c) We do not need rules.

4. What is the lesson in “Why Do We Need Rules?”

- a) Without rules, children could run in the halls.
- b) Rules are annoying and we don’t really need them.
- c) Rules keep the world safe and fair.

5. A) Why is running in the halls at school not safe?

Running in the halls at school is not safe because someone might

B) Draw a picture of children following the rules in school.

6. What did you learn from “Why Do We Need Rules?”

7. Class Discussion Question: Explain why rules are important. Use examples from the passage to support your ideas.

fair

Definition

adjective

1. giving equal treatment.

Mrs. Jones tries to be fair to each of her children.

They divided the money in a way that was fair.

2. according to the rules.

If you don't play the game in a fair way, I won't play it with you.

These are some examples of how the word or forms of the word are used:

1. Liberty means freedom. Justice means fairness. The last line means that everyone is free. Everyone can expect to be treated fairly.
2. King taught people to treat one another with kindness. He was a very good speaker. He spoke to large groups of people. He told them about his dream. His dream was that all people would be treated fairly.
3. The judge sits high above everyone else in the front of the courtroom. He or she decides what is fair or unfair in the trial. He or she must try hard not to form an opinion on whether a person is guilty of a crime or not.

rule

Definition

noun

1. a law or direction that guides behavior or action.

I will play if you teach me the rules of the game.

He broke many of the school rules.

2. what is usual, typical, or normal.

Most children love sweets, but my daughter is an exception to the rule.

verb

1. to have authority over; govern.

The king rules the country.

These are some examples of how the word or forms of the word are used:

1. Our country has laws. Laws are rules. They tell what people are allowed, and not allowed, to do.
2. A traffic light helps people cross the street safely. Here are rules to follow when crossing a street.
3. In 1776, the United States was a new country. Men made all the rules. Women were not given the right to vote until 1920.

safe

Definition

adjective

1. providing protection from harm, loss, or damage; not dangerous.

The deer found a safe place in the forest.

2. not in danger; free from harm or risk.

We were safe at home when the storm began.

noun

1. a strong metal box with a lock that is used for keeping money and valuable things.

Some people keep their jewelry in a safe.

These are some examples of how the word or forms of the word are used:

1. Firefighters work hard. They work to keep us safe from fire.
2. When All Stop went up, everyone had to stop. That made driving safer.
3. People can stay safe during a storm. They need to get ready before the storm arrives. They can prepare an emergency kit. People should stay inside when the storm comes.
4. An alarm sounds! It is time for firefighters to race into action. Fighting fires is hard work. Firefighters have to practice so they know what to do and how to stay safe.
5. Winter is a wonderful season. Nothing beats spending a couple of hours sledding with friends and then building a snowman before heading in for a cup of hot chocolate. Just make sure that you are staying safe while you are out there having fun!