

- Description** Students discuss rules and laws around the world  
**Lesson link** Use this activity after exercise 3d, page 39  
**Time** 15 minutes  
**Extra material** Print out and photocopy the *Rules around the world* worksheet – one for each pair of students

### Instructions

- a** Ask SS if they know any interesting or strange rules or laws in other countries. Discuss some examples briefly if SS know some.
- b** Divide SS into pairs and hand out a copy of worksheet *Rules around the world*.
- c** Set a time limit of ten minutes. Ask SS to discuss the questions on the worksheet. Encourage them to expand their answers as much as possible. After ten minutes ask the class to report some of their ideas. Write useful vocabulary and phrases on the board for SS to copy.

### Answers

You can drive in New Zealand when you're 14.  
(False; it is 15 when after passing a test you can only drive alone between 6.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. You can get a full licence at 17.)

You can get married at 16 in Scotland. (True)

In Australia a child can't buy cigarettes, but can smoke. (True)

You can't skateboard in a police station in Miami, Florida. (True)

You can drink alcohol at 18 in the UK. (True)

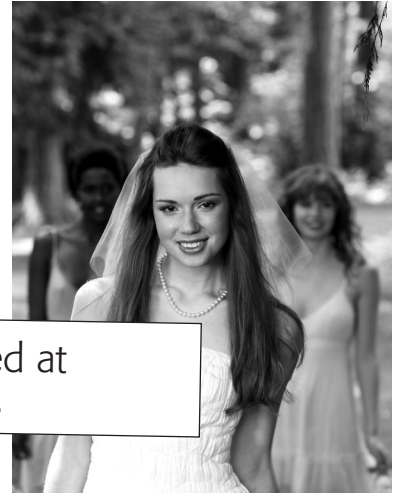
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In Switzerland you can't wash your car on Sunday. (True)

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- 1 Are these laws true or false?
- 2 Are any of these rules / laws the same in your country?
- 3 Which rules do you find good? Why?