

Rights and Responsibilities

When we exercise our rights, it often affects other people. This is why rights and responsibilities always go hand in hand. At school, for example, you have the right to learn in a quiet and safe place. But you have the responsibility not to disrupt class or endanger your fellow students.

Match the rights in the first column with the responsibilities in the second column. Write the letter from each responsibility next to the number of the right it matches.

RIGHTS

When you have the right to....

- 1.** express your opinion
- 2.** practice your religion
- 3.** protest laws you think are unfair
- 4.** vote for your leaders
- 5.** be treated with respect
- 6.** be treated fairly
- 7.** speak freely
- 8.** be safe in public and at home
- 9.** privacy

RESPONSIBILITIES

you also have the responsibility to...

- A.** treat others fairly.
- B.** respect others.
- C.** not endanger other people with your actions.
- D.** listen respectfully to other people's opinions.
- E.** learn about the candidates and issues in an election.
- F.** allow people with different religions to practice theirs.
- G.** not harm people with your words.
- H.** respect the privacy of others.
- I.** not harm people or property when you protest.



Use the space below to list some other rights you enjoy in your home, school, or community. What responsibilities go with those rights?
