

From idea to Bill to Law

A Bill goes through at least six main stages in the UK Parliament before it becomes law. At every stage there can be delays while it is examined carefully by lots of different people. On this page you will find brief descriptions of each of the six main stages of a Bill's journey through Parliament.

Read each description.

Write down the name of the stage described, and put the stages in the correct order.

The first name has been filled in for you as an example.

Stage number 3	Name of stage <u>REPORT STAGE</u> A Description of stage: The Bill goes back to the House (Commons or Lords) where it started. There the MPs or peers discuss it again and often suggest further changes.
1	Name of stage _____ B Description of stage: The queen or king agrees to the Bill and makes it into a law.
2	Name of stage _____ C Description of stage: The Bill is published. MPs (or peers) discuss the Bill before deciding whether to go ahead with it.
4	Name of stage _____ D Description of stage: The Bill goes through similar debating and committee stages again
5	Name of stage _____ E Description of stage: The House (Commons or Lords) reads the Bill for a final time before deciding whether to go ahead with the Bill and send it over to the other House.
6	Name of stage _____ F Description of stage: The detail of the Bill is examined very closely. Experts and other interested people are consulted. In the House of Commons it is always a small group of MPs who carry out this inquiry.