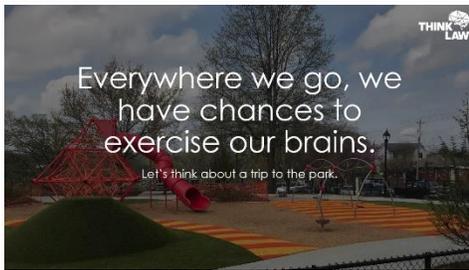
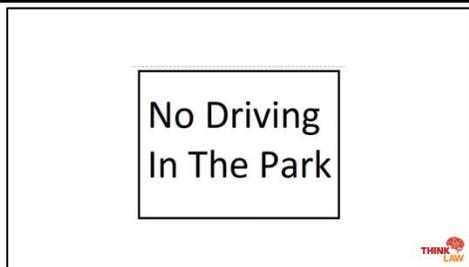


No Driving in the Park



Our brains are like our muscles. They get bigger and stronger when we exercise them!

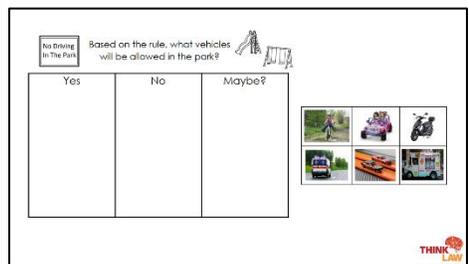
Everywhere we go, we have chances to exercise our brains. Let's think about a trip to the park. You might just think of the park as a place to exercise your muscles, but you can exercise your brain at the park, too, when you think about the things that you see.



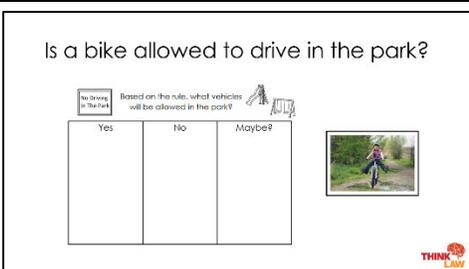
Imagine you go to a park and see this sign.

What does "No Driving in the Park" mean? Thinkers may say that the sign means that people cannot drive their cars through the park.

Today we're going to look at some different vehicles. I want you to exercise your brain and tell me if any of these vehicles can drive in the park.



You may go through the slides and just discuss each vehicle, or you may give thinkers the sorting cards and allow them to work in small groups to decide if the vehicles were be permitted in the park. If you allow thinkers to sort the cards, you can still use the PowerPoint slides to discuss their decisions after everyone has finished.



Is a bike allowed to drive in the park? Why or why not? Allow thinkers to share their responses. thinkLaw teacher guides have potential responses listed in red, but thinkLaw questions do not have one correct response. The most important part of a student response is the reasoning.

Thinkers may say that people don't really drive bikes. We use the word ride when we talk about operating a bike. Thinkers may say that many

children ride their bikes in the park. Most likely the sign is not for bikes.

Other thinkers may say that bikes should be banned because they could be dangerous. Kids could run into other kids with their bikes. If the ground at the park is uneven, kids could crash their bikes.

Is a big wheel allowed to drive in the park?

No Driving In The Park		
Based on the rule, what vehicles will be allowed in the park?		
Yes	No	Maybe?



THINK LAW

Is a big wheel allowed to drive in the park?
Thinkers may say that the big wheels should be allowed at the park. They are toys, and the park would be a good space to use them because there is a lot of open space for kids to ride the big wheels.

Thinkers may say that the big wheels should not be allowed. The toys are battery operated. They are big. They are made of hard plastic. A child could get hurt if someone ran into them. If everyone brought a big wheel to the park, it would be a problem. There would not be space for anyone to play!

Is a motor bike allowed to drive in the park?

No Driving In The Park		
Based on the rule, what vehicles will be allowed in the park?		
Yes	No	Maybe?



THINK LAW

Is a motor bike allowed to drive in the park?
Thinkers may say that motor bikes should not be allowed in the park. The motor bike can reach higher speeds. The motor bike could cause serious accidents.

Thinkers may say that the motor bike is smaller than a motorcycle. If they are familiar with motor bikes, they may have seen people drive in them around town in areas where cars are not allowed to go.

Is an ambulance allowed to drive in the park?

No Driving In The Park		
Based on the rule, what vehicles will be allowed in the park?		
Yes	No	Maybe?



THINK LAW

Is an ambulance allowed to drive in the park?
If thinkers are sticking to "the letter of the law," then the ambulance will not be allowed. This provides a good opportunity for discussion. What is the difference between being right and doing right?

The ambulance driver is likely on their way to help someone who is injured. What might happen if they would not drive in the park? It might take them longer to get to the person that needs help! If there is a special circumstance, like an injury, it might be okay for someone to drive in the park.

Is a toy car allowed to drive in the park?

No Driving in the Park		
Based on the rule, what vehicles will be allowed in the park?		
Yes	No	Maybe?



THINK LAW

Is a toy car allowed to drive in the park?

Thinkers may say that toy cars can't be driven, they're just pushed. The toys cars are small and probably would not put anyone in serious danger.

Kids might not want to bring toy cars to the park because they might forget and leave them at the park. The "No Driving in the Park" rule was probably not written for small toy cars.

Is an ice cream truck allowed to drive in the park?

No Driving in the Park		
Based on the rule, what vehicles will be allowed in the park?		
Yes	No	Maybe?



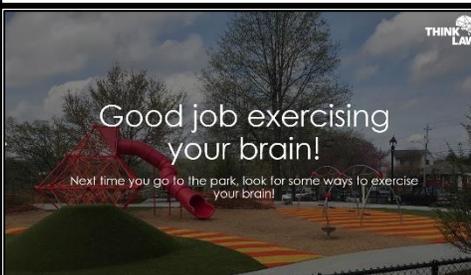
THINK LAW

Is an ice cream truck allowed to drive in the park?

Thinkers may say that ice cream trucks could just drive into the park and then park to sell ice cream. The ice cream truck would not

necessarily need to keep driving around the park. The truck could even pull into the park early and leave late to avoid driving while children were playing.

Thinkers might say that the ice cream truck should not be permitted in the park. The sound of an ice cream truck attracts children This could create a dangerous situation because children might run towards the sound of the truck.



Good job exercising your brain!

Next time you go to the park, look for some ways to exercise your brain!

THINK LAW

Do you think that activity was easy or a little tricky? Why? Allow thinkers to share.

Thinking about things that are tricky is great exercise for your brain! There are a lot of things in life that are a little tricky. You did a

good job exercising your brain today!

Next time you go to the park, look for some ways to exercise your brain!
If you go out to recess later in the day, you may ask thinkers to share anything that caught their attention and caused them to exercise their brains!