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Branches and Checks and Balances: Learn and Practice

How each branch keeps the others in check.

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

💡 Checks and balances

- Congress has 100 senators (2 per state) and 435 representatives (based on population).
- The president can veto a bill. Congress can override a veto with a two-thirds vote.
- The president names Supreme Court justices, and the Senate must approve them.
- Courts can decide a law goes against the Constitution.

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3 How many voting members are in the House of Representatives?

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B. California is older C. Wyoming asked for fewer

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✏️ Explain it! Write two facts you learned about branches and checks and balances.

ANSWER KEY

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A. it depends on population **B. 2** C. 1

Every state has exactly two senators.

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50 states times 2 senators equals 100.

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The 435 seats are divided by state population.

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Veto comes from Latin for "I forbid."

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Two-thirds of the House and of the Senate must agree.