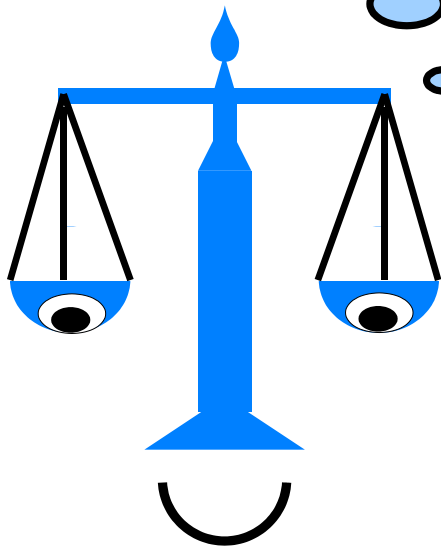


# Supreme Court of Canada

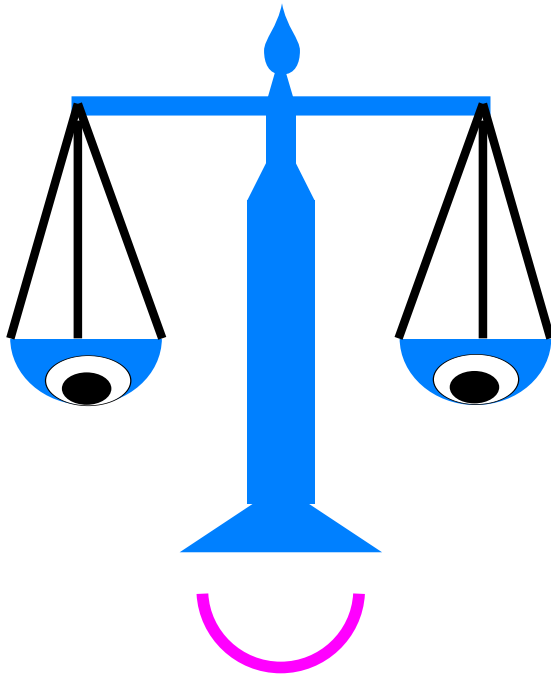


# Youth Activity Book



**Photographs: Philippe Landreville**

**Supreme Court of Canada, 2005**



**Hello! My name is Justin. Welcome to the Supreme Court of Canada. I will be guiding you through this activity book, which is a fun-filled way for you to learn about the role of the Supreme Court of Canada in the Canadian judicial system.**

**The Supreme Court of Canada stands at the top of the Canadian judicial system and is therefore Canada's highest court. This means that the Court's decisions are final. The cases heard by the Supreme Court of Canada are those that raise a question of public importance or an important question of law.**



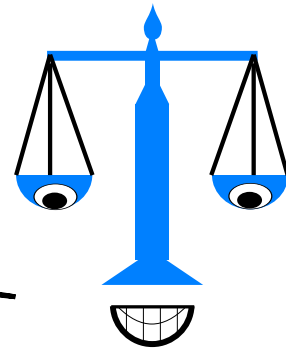
**Now that I have given you a brief introduction about the role of the Supreme Court of Canada, it is time for you to test your knowledge while learning some very cool facts about Canada's highest court.**

# The Supreme Court of Canada



Colour the official crest of the Supreme Court of Canada!

**Conquer the word search  
and find the hidden phrase!**



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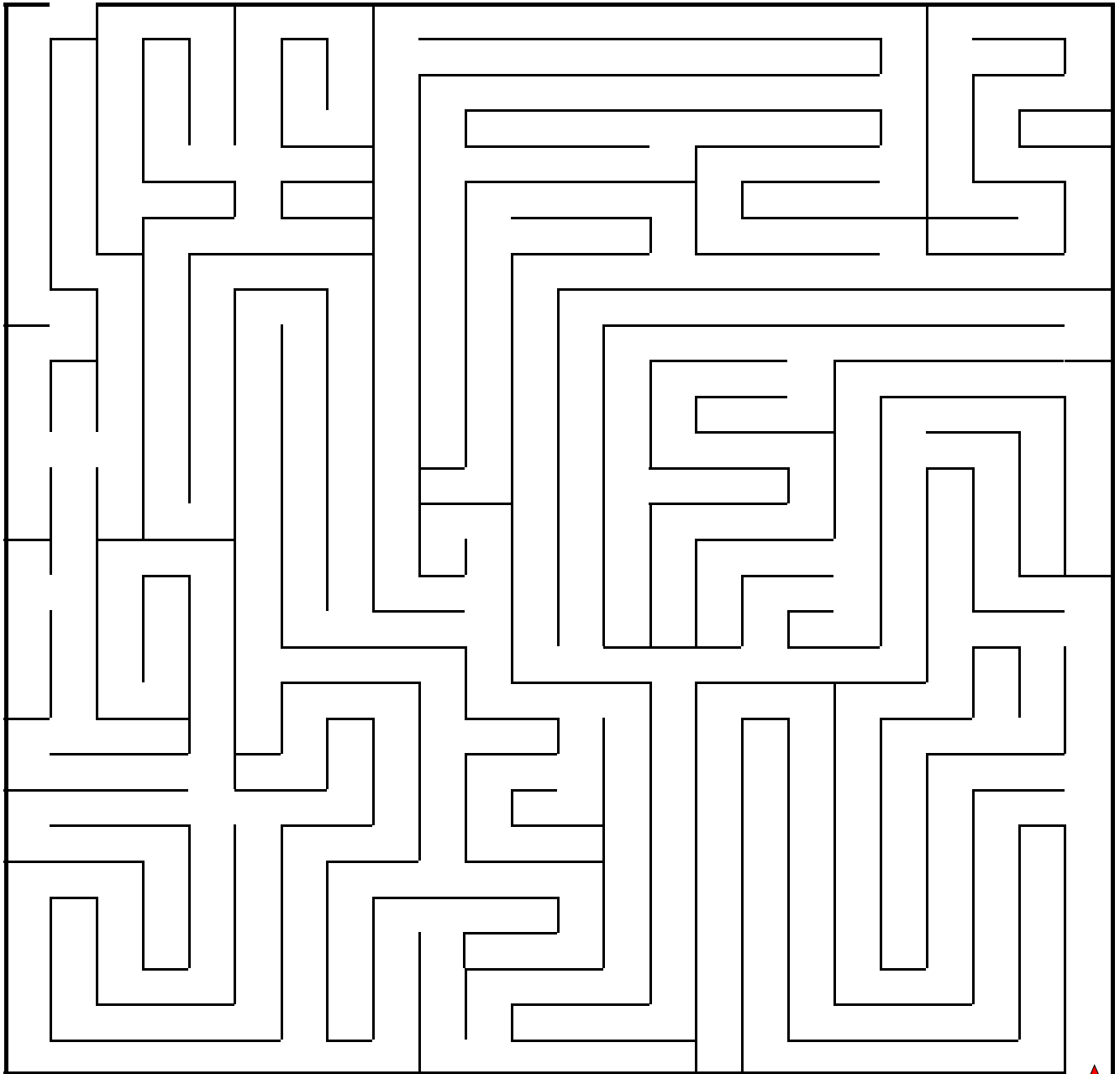
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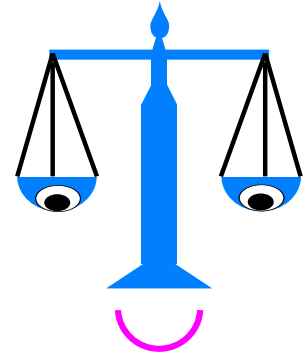


**I seem to be lost. Can you help me find the right path to the courtroom?**

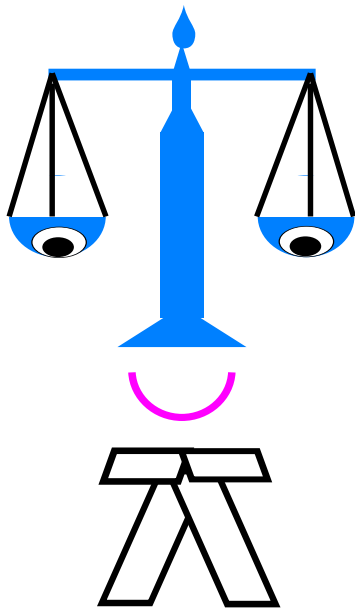


Start

**True or false? Circle the correct answer and for more interesting facts, see the answer key at the end of the book!**



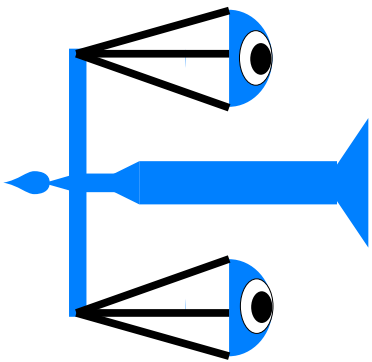
1. THE CANADIAN FLAG THAT FLIES TO THE EAST IS HOISTED DAILY.
  - TRUE
  - FALSE
2. THE STATUES "JUSTICE" AND "TRUTH" WERE FOUND BURIED UNDER A PARKING LOT.
  - TRUE
  - FALSE
3. JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA ARE APPOINTED TO THE POSITION FOR LIFE.
  - TRUE
  - FALSE
4. THE RIGHT HONOURABLE BEVERLEY McLACHLIN IS THE FIRST WOMAN IN CANADIAN HISTORY TO HOLD THE POSITION OF CHIEF JUSTICE OF CANADA.
  - TRUE
  - FALSE
5. THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA HAS ALWAYS BEEN COMPOSED OF NINE JUDGES.
  - TRUE
  - FALSE



**What do they do?**

- |                |                       |  |
|----------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1. Judge       | <input type="radio"/> | ● A. Person who pleads arguments before the court  |
| 2. Lawyer      | <input type="radio"/> | ● B. Person who takes the public on tours of the building and explains the role of the Supreme Court of Canada       |
| 3. Interpreter | <input type="radio"/> | ● C. Person who is not directly involved in a case, but who would like to argue a fresh perspective before the court |
| 4. Appellant   | <input type="radio"/> | ● D. Person who makes a decision in a case   |
| 5. Guide       | <input type="radio"/> | ● E. Person who acts as the defendant in an appeal   |
| 6. Law Clerk   | <input type="radio"/> | ● F. Person who translates what is being said in the courtroom   |
| 7. Intervenor  | <input type="radio"/> | ● G. Person who helps a judge with their judicial duties and takes notes during the hearing                          |
| 8. Respondent  | <input type="radio"/> | ● H. Person who is appealing the decision of a lower court   |



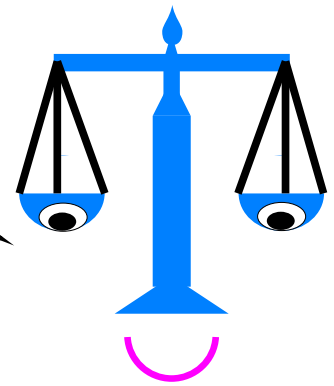


Help me solve this puzzle.  
Connect the dots!

The puzzle consists of 37 numbered dots arranged in a grid-like pattern. The scene being formed includes:

- A house on the left with a chimney (dots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 20, 21, 22).
- A fence between the two houses (dots 4, 5, 16, 17, 18, 19, 29, 30, 31, 32).
- A row of seven rectangular objects (dots 3, 11, 15, 33, 34, 35).
- A person standing on the right (dots 1, 2, 12, 13, 14, 36, 37).
- A trash can next to the person (dots 14, 15).

Use the clues below  
to solve the  
crossword puzzle!

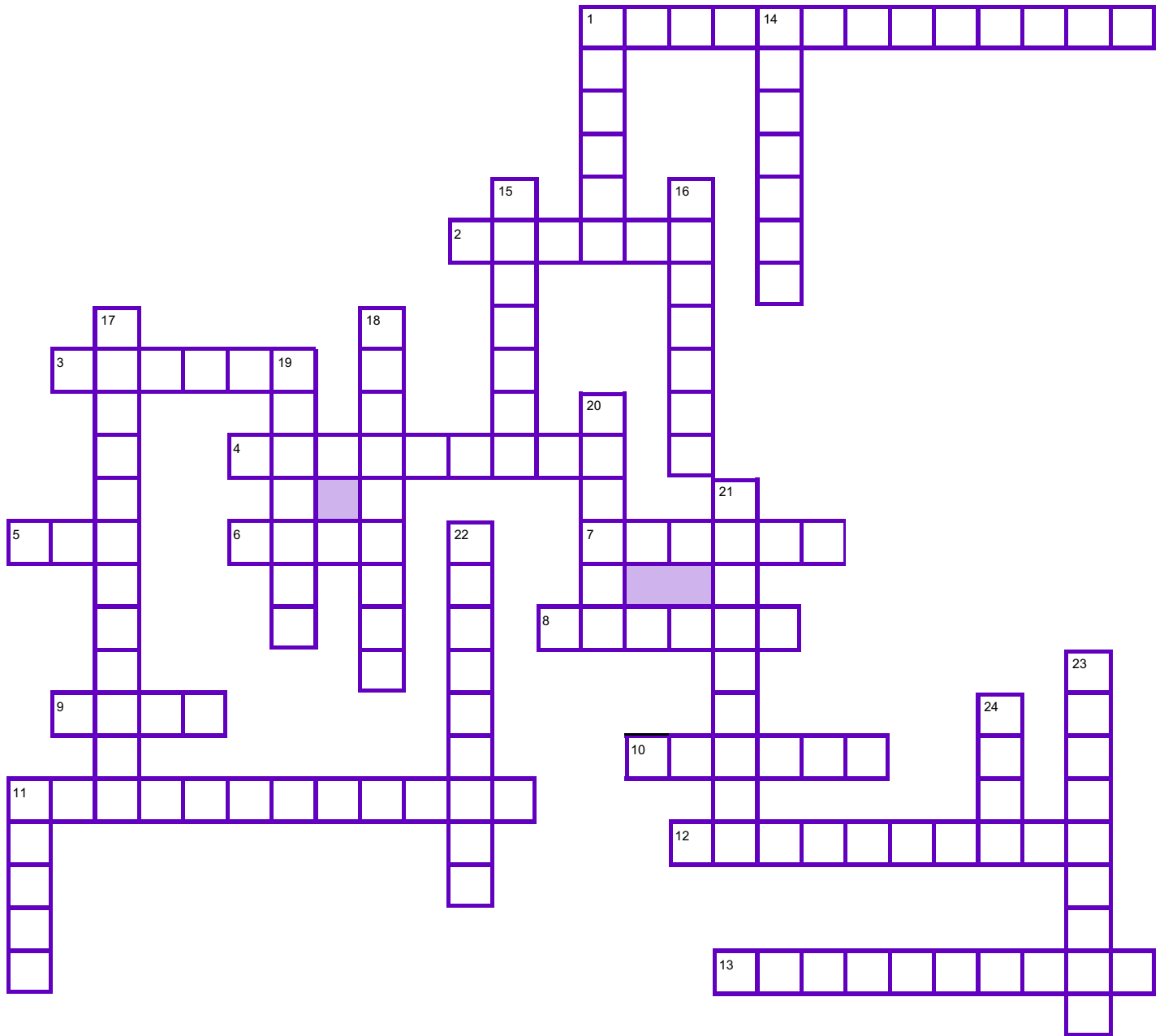


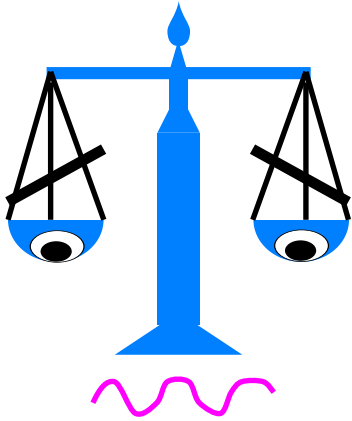
### Across

1. A collection of legal decisions.
2. Old French term meaning 'younger' used to distinguish the Chief Justice from the other eight judges.
3. The hearings of the Supreme Court of Canada are open to the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A previous legal decision taken as a guide for subsequent cases or synonym of "before".
5. The primary colour of the Supreme Court of Canada judge's ceremonial robe.
6. The total number of Supreme Court of Canada judges.
7. The process by which one asks a higher court to reconsider the decision of the lower court.
8. A person acting on behalf of another in legal matters.
9. Minimum number of judges required to hear an appeal and is also called a "quorum".
10. Our home and native land.
11. Hoisted on the eastern side of the building when the Supreme Court of Canada is in session (2 words).
12. The party in the position of defendant in an appeal case.
13. Interest group, association or Attorney general who is granted permission to argue in a case in order to present a wide-range of arguments from a fresh perspective.

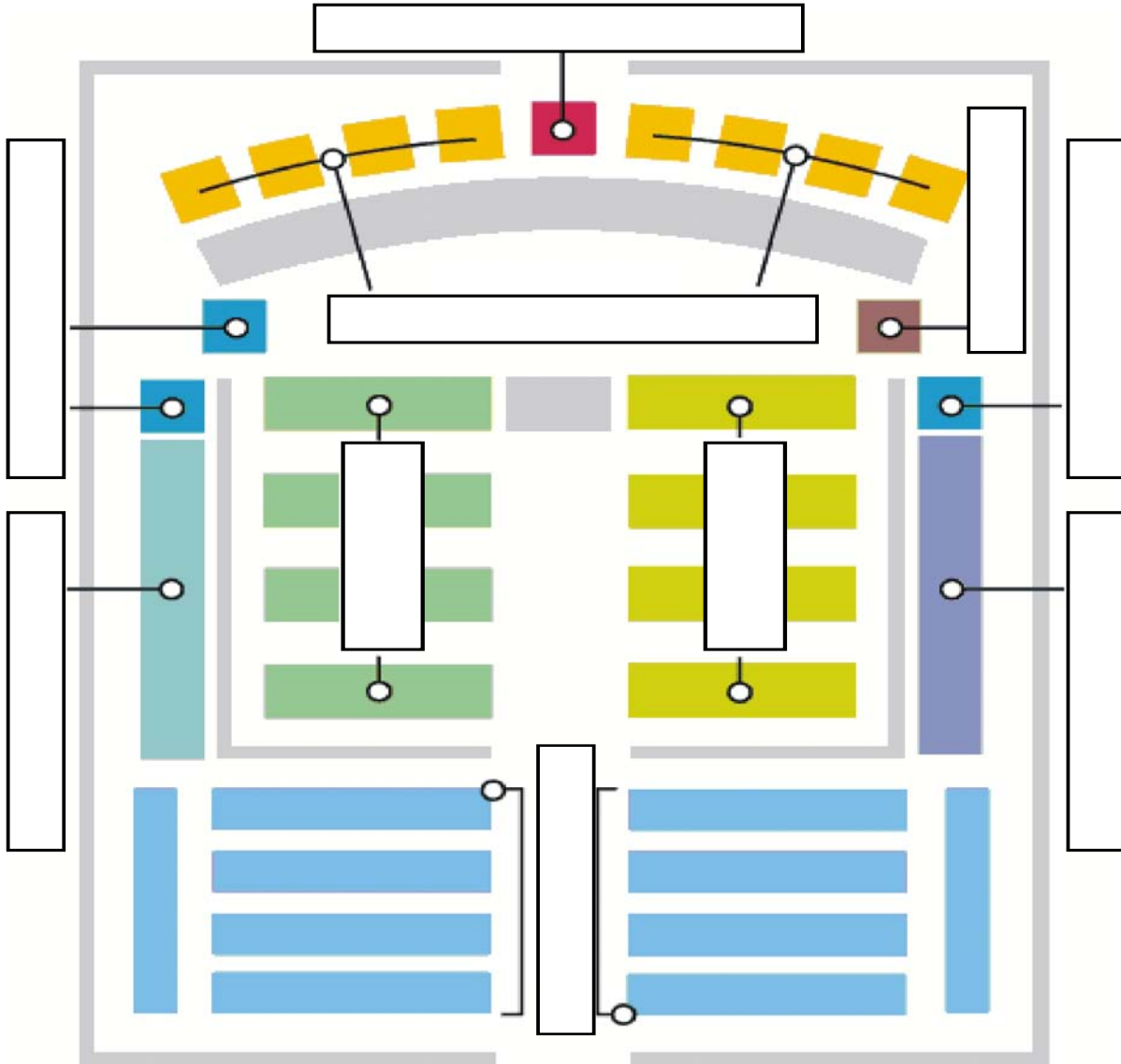
### Down

1. They are appointed to hear and try cases in a court of justice.
11. A monarch's jewelled headdress or a term used in law to signify the head of state.
14. The highest court in Canada.
15. A legal term meaning fairness or the name of one of the statues that is located in front of the Supreme Court of Canada.
16. The government responsible for all of Canada.
17. The legal authority to handle matters within a specific area.
18. People who assist the judges in their judicial duties, helping them with research and taking notes during the proceedings.
19. The renowned Montréal architect who designed the Supreme Court building.
20. The city in which the Supreme Court of Canada is located.
21. The process by which the Governor in Council asks important questions to the Supreme Court of Canada.
22. The party appealing a court decision.
23. Where trials or hearings take place.
24. Garment worn by judges and lawyers.

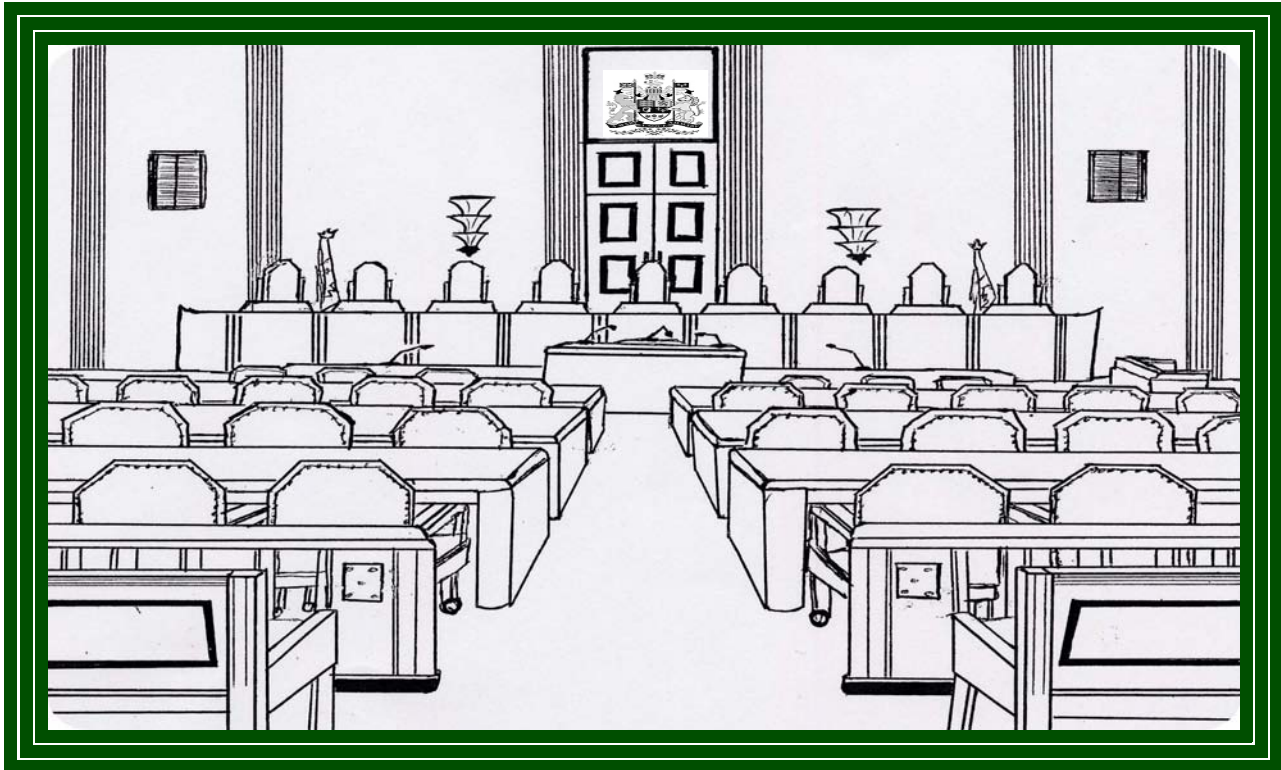




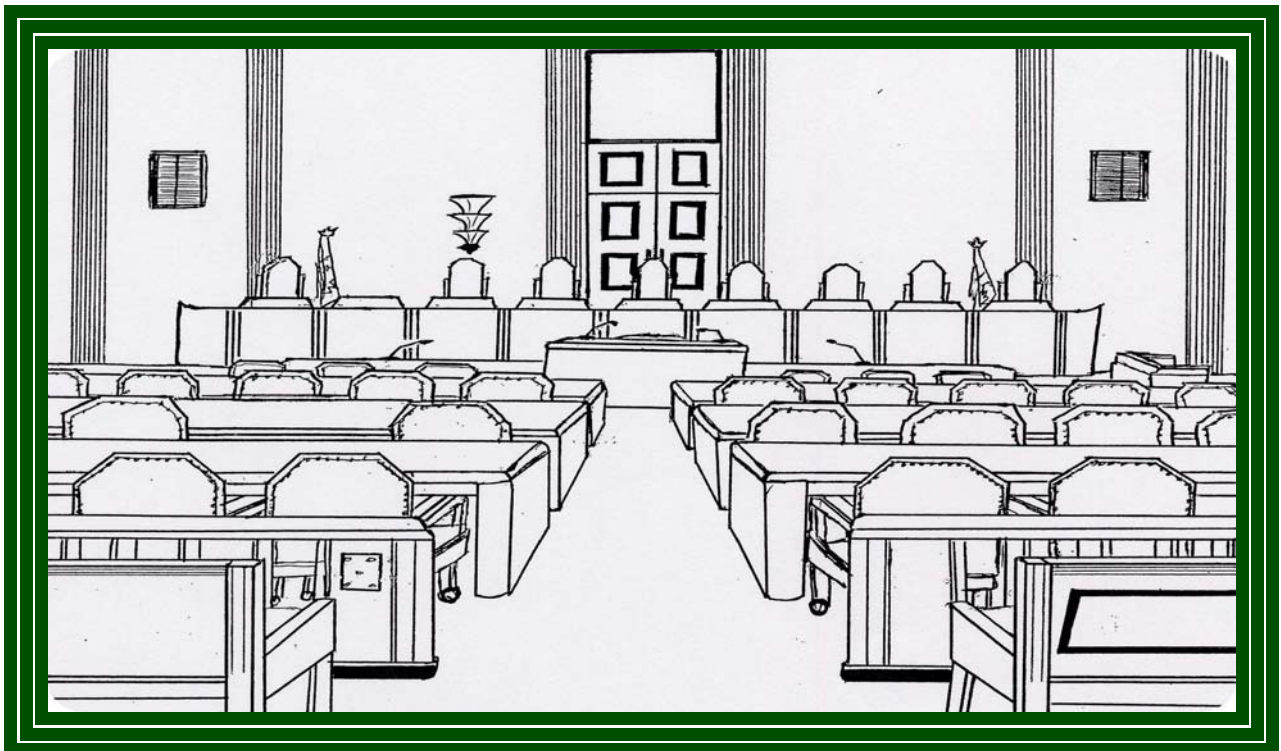
**Someone erased the names off the page and I do not remember where everyone sits in the courtroom. Can you help me?**



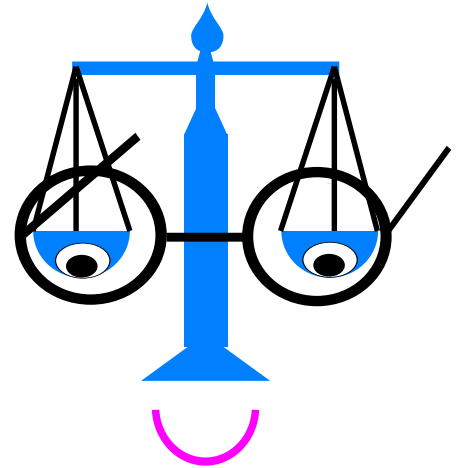
- COURT ATTENDANTS
- LAW CLERKS
- REGISTRY OFFICER
- COUNSEL FOR THE APPELLANTS
- PUISNE JUDGES
- CHIEF JUSTICE
- COURT ATTENDANTS
- COUNSEL FOR THE RESPONDENTS
- MEDIA
- PUBLIC



**These pictures may look the same, but there are seven differences between them. Can you spot all seven?**



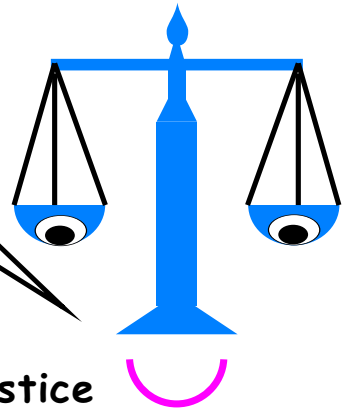
**Do you know the answer?  
Test your knowledge on these  
multiple choice questions!**



- 1. HOW MANY JUDGES ARE THERE ON THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA?**
  - A. 3
  - B. 15
  - C. 9
- 2. WHO WAS THE FIRST WOMAN TO BE APPOINTED TO THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA?**
  - A. Beverley McLachlin
  - B. Claire L'Heureux-Dubé
  - C. Bertha Wilson
- 3. HOW MANY APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL DOES THE COURT RECEIVE EACH YEAR?**
  - A. Between 150 - 225
  - B. Between 550 - 650
  - C. Between 1200 - 1300
- 4. WHAT IS THE COLOUR OF THE ROBES WORN BY THE JUDGES AT HEARING?**
  - A. Black
  - B. Red
  - C. Blue
- 5. WHEN WAS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE CURRENT SUPREME COURT OF CANADA BUILDING LAID?**
  - A. May 20, 1875
  - B. May 20, 1939
  - C. May 20, 1946

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Learn more about the Judges of the Supreme Court!  
Use the numbers to fill in the blanks!



# 3

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# 1

The Supreme Court Act provides that of the \_\_\_\_ judges, \_\_\_\_ judges are appointed from Quebec. Traditionally, \_\_\_\_ judges are appointed from Ontario, \_\_\_\_ from the West and \_\_\_\_ from the Atlantic provinces. The Judges must devote themselves exclusively to their judicial duties and they must reside within \_\_\_\_ km thereof.

# 2

# 8

The current Chief Justice is the Right Honourable Beverly McLachlin, who is the first woman to hold this position in the history of our country. She was appointed Chief Justice of Canada on January \_\_\_\_, 2000.

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Colour this drawing of a judge wearing a ceremonial robe!



# ANSWER KEY

## Word Search

Solution: "Highest court in Canada"

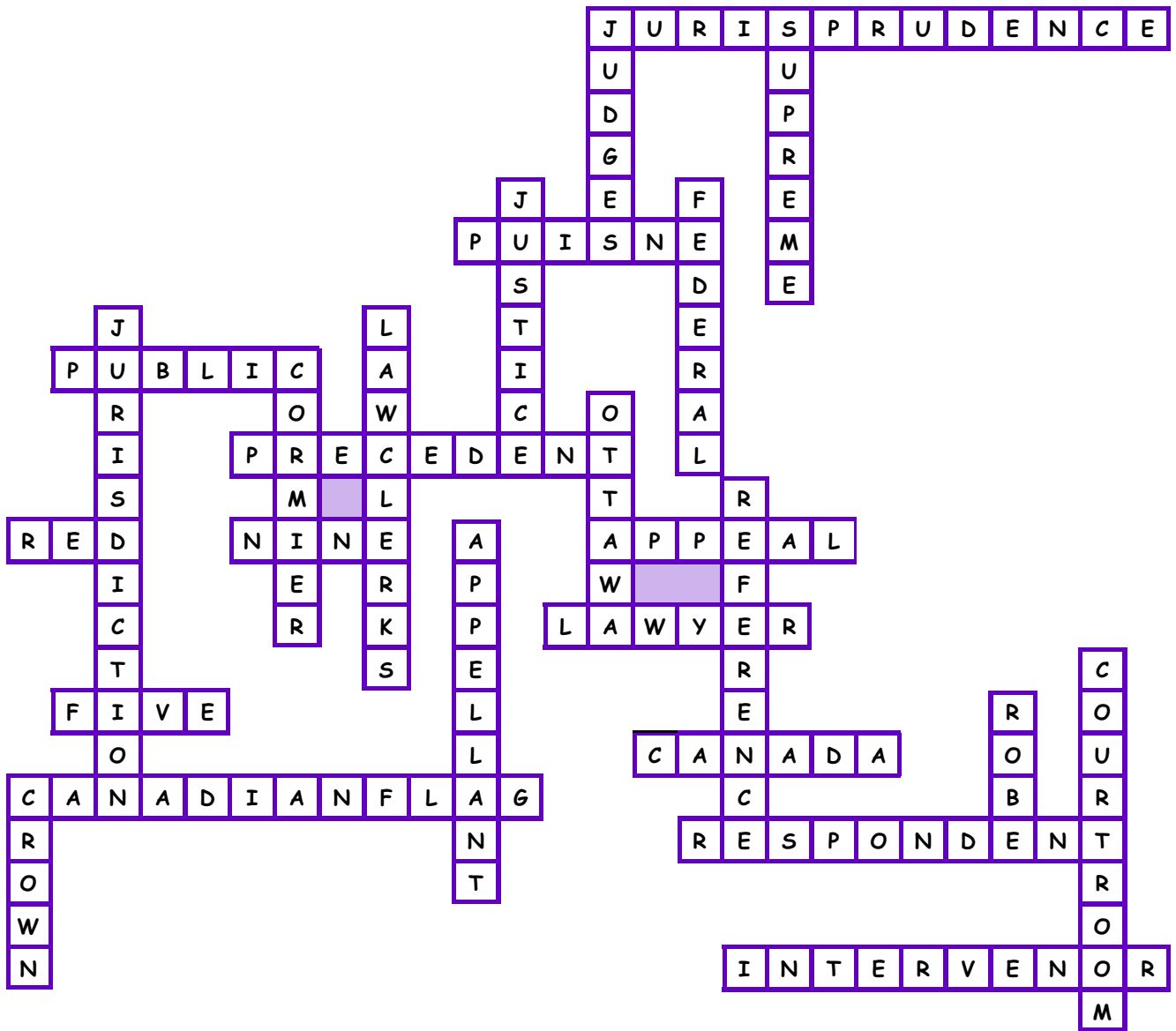
## True or False Questions

1. **False** - The Canadian flag on the east flies only when the court is sitting. The flag that flies on the west is hoisted daily.
2. **True** - The statues of "Justice" and "Truth" were created by Canadian sculptor Walter S. Allward and were intended to be a part of a memorial to King Edward VII of Britain. In 1920, Mr. Allward was asked to sculpt the Vimy Ridge Memorial in France. The memorial to King Edward VII was never completed and the statues were forgotten. They were found in crates buried under a Public Works parking lot in 1969.
3. **False** - Judges of the Supreme Court of Canada can remain in office until the age of 75, at which time, they must retire.
4. **True** - The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada on March 30, 1989. On January 7, 2000, she was elevated to the position of Chief Justice of Canada, making her the first woman in Canadian history to hold this office.
5. **False** - The Court was originally composed of 6 judges. In 1927, the number was increased to 7 and in 1949, the number was increased to the current number of nine.

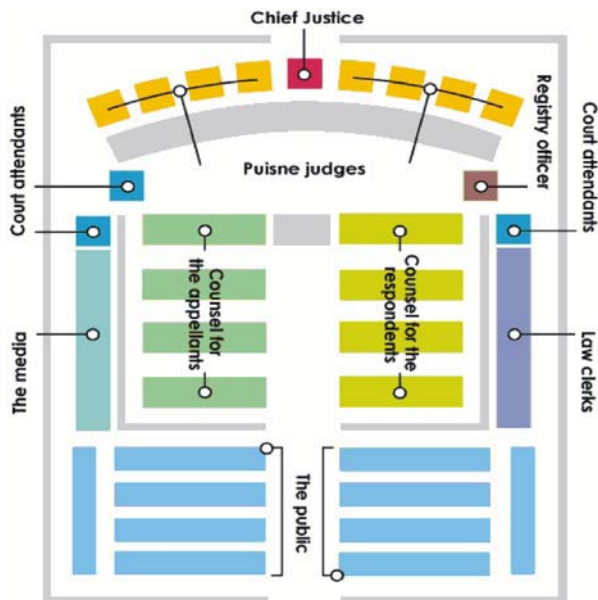
## What do they do?

1-D; 2-A; 3-F; 4-H; 5-B; 6-G; 7-C; 8-E

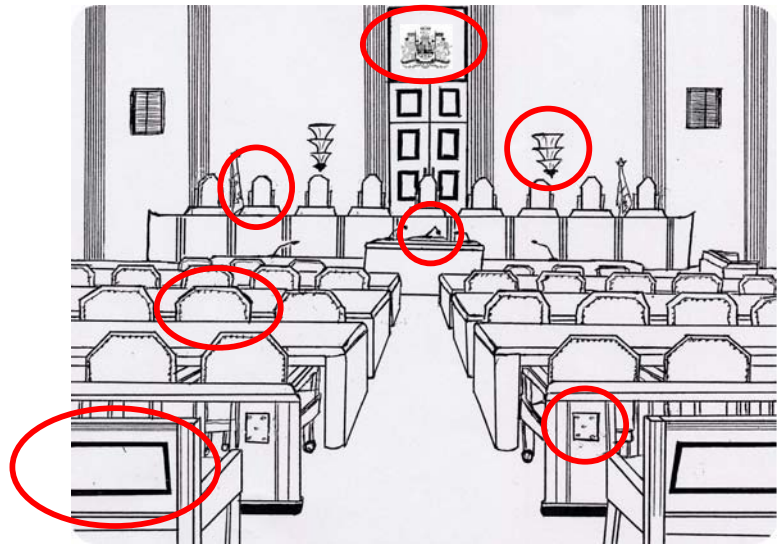
Crossword Puzzle



## Main Courtroom



## Spot the differences



## Multiple Choice Questions

1. **C** - There are nine judges on the Supreme Court of Canada.
2. **B** - On March 4, 1982, the Honourable Bertha Wilson became the first woman to be appointed judge to the Supreme Court of Canada.
3. **B** - The Court receives between 550 and 650 applications for leave to appeal every year.
4. **A** - The judges wear black silk robes at hearings. They wear ceremonial robes of bright scarlet trimmed with Canadian white mink only in the Senate at the opening of new sessions of Parliament, or at the Court on special occasions, such as when a new judge is sworn in.
5. **B** - The cornerstone was laid by Queen Elizabeth in the presence of her husband, King George VI, on May 20, 1939. The inscription says "May 19, 1939", which was the intended date; however, the ship carrying the King and Queen arrived in Ottawa a day late, due to heavy ice in the water.

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**Thank you for visiting the Supreme Court of Canada! I hope you enjoyed learning about Canada's highest court. If you would like to know more about the Supreme Court of Canada, you can visit our Web site at [www.scc-csc.gc.ca](http://www.scc-csc.gc.ca)**

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