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Answer Key: Pizza Toppings and Prime Ministers: A 5th Grade Leadership Quest

Students gain a global perspective by comparing how different nations organize power through parliaments, local councils, and citizen-led decision making.

1. In the country of Norway, there is a King, but laws are made by an elected group called the Storting. This is known as a:

Answer: B) Constitutional Monarchy

A constitutional monarchy has a royal figurehead, but they must follow a constitution and share power with elected officials.

2. In a town hall meeting in Switzerland, every citizen can vote directly on a new law. This is an example of Direct Democracy.

Answer: A) True

Direct democracy occurs when citizens vote on laws themselves rather than electing representatives to do it for them.

3. If your classroom allows a small group of three students to make ALL the rules for everyone else, the class is functioning like an _____.

Answer: B) Oligarchy

An oligarchy is a system where a small, elite group of people holds all the political power.

4. In Japan, the head of the government's executive branch is chosen by the legislature (the Diet). What is this leader's title?

Answer: C) Prime Minister

In most parliamentary systems, the leader chosen by the legislative body is called the Prime Minister.

5. In Australia, the power is shared between the national government and the six state governments. This shared power is called _____.

Answer: C) Federalism

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Federalism is the division of power between a central national government and smaller regional or state governments.

6. In a Unitary system, like the one in New Zealand, the central national government holds most of the power and can tell local councils what to do.

Answer: A) True

Unlike federal systems, unitary systems centralize power within the national government.

7. Imagine a country where there is only one political party allowed, and the government controls all the newspapers and TV stations. This is a characteristic of:

Answer: C) An Authoritarian State

Authoritarian governments limit political competition and often restrict freedom of the press to maintain control.

8. The Republic of Ireland uses a system where the citizens elect representatives to make decisions for them. This is an example of a _____ Democracy.

Answer: A) Representative

In a representative democracy, people vote for leaders to represent their interests in government.

9. In Mexico, the people vote for the President separately from the members of the legislature. This is known as a:

Answer: B) Presidential System

A presidential system features an executive branch that is separate from the legislative branch.

10. A country can be both a democracy (because people vote) and a federal system (because they share power with states) at the same time.

Answer: A) True

Many countries, like Mexico and Australia, use multiple structures to organize their government, combining democracy with federalism.