



# CANADIAN GOVERNMENT

## Divisions of Each Branch of Government

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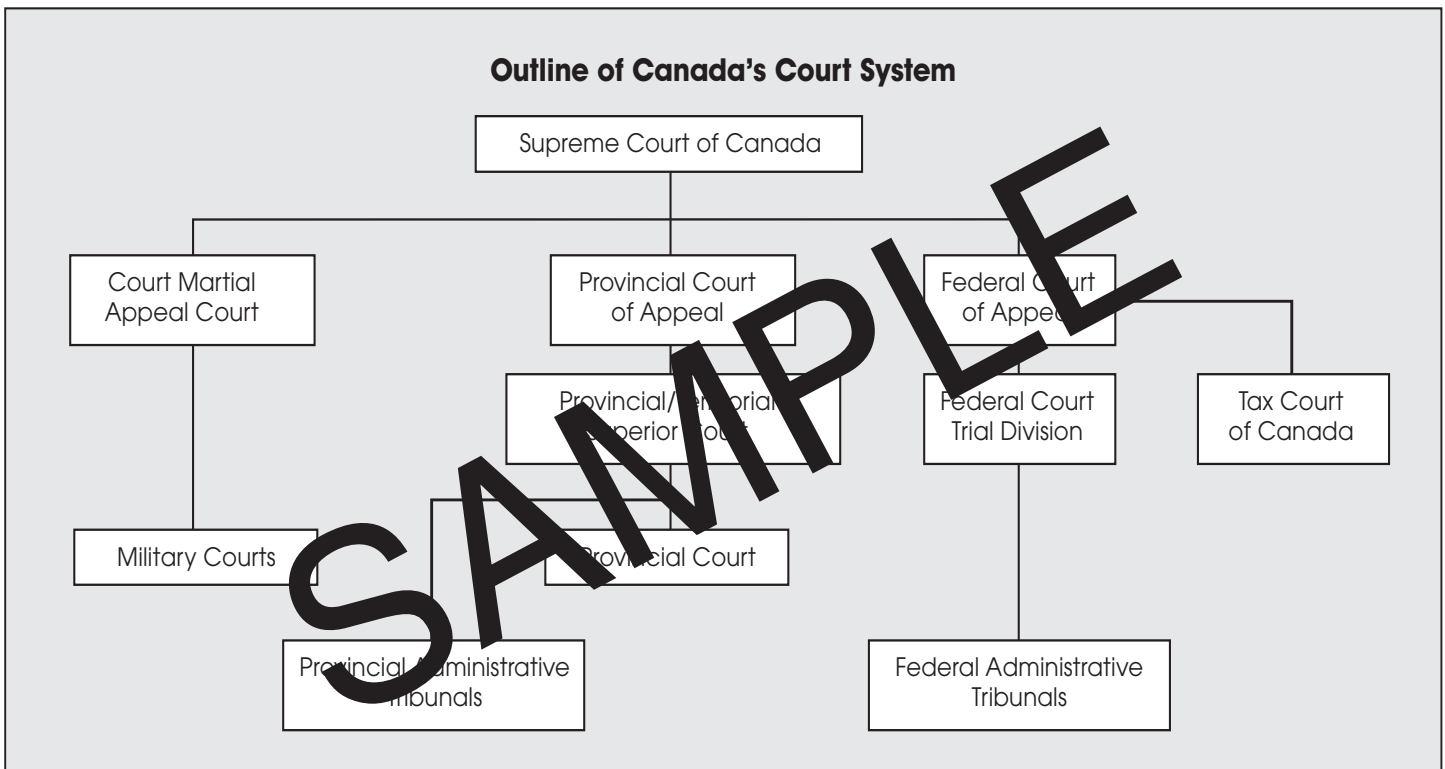
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# Divisions of Each Branch of Government

The House of Commons and Senate are both divided into **committees**. Each reviews bills and budgets. Also, the House of Commons is divided into two parts: 1) the prime minister and his or her cabinet, and 2) the rest of the MPs.

## The Judicial Branch



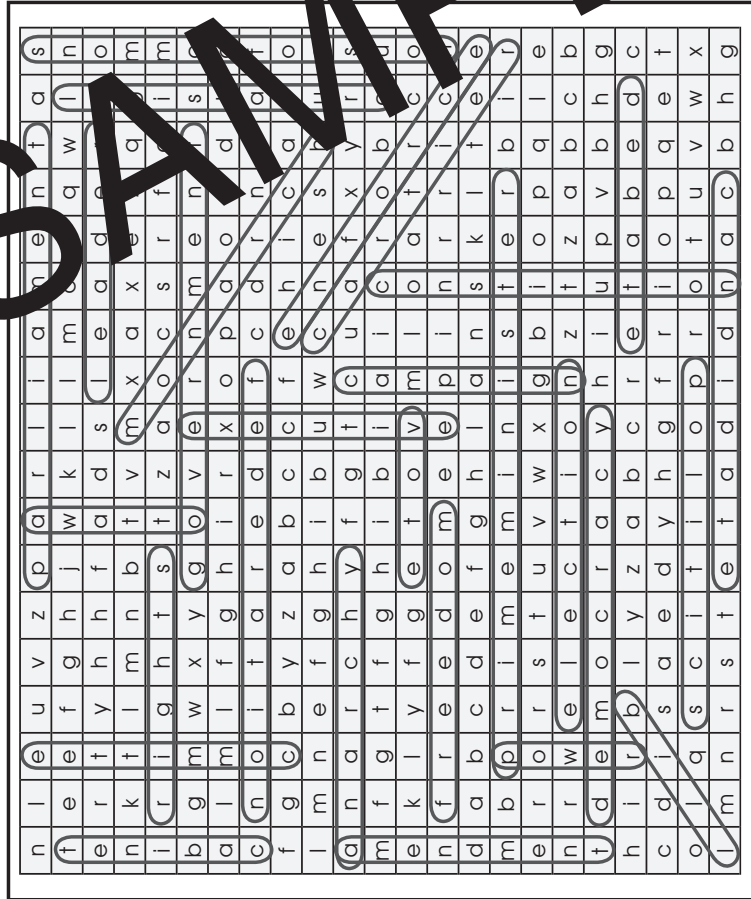
Canadian court system (Source Canadian Department of Justice)

The judicial branch of the federal government is made up of the **Supreme Court**. The Supreme Court is composed of nine **justices**, or judges, who make decisions about questions of law. The justices are appointed by the Governor General. The Supreme Court also decides if the laws made by Parliament follow the Constitution.

The Supreme Court is the highest court of the land. **Lower Courts**, such as the provincial courts and military courts, are also part of the judicial branch of government.



# Word Search Answers



## Part A

1. True
2. False – Not good for any country
3. True
4. True
5. True
6. False – Every four years
7. False – Citizens do hold the highest power
8. False – The Supreme Court and the Senate are made up of two branches where people do not vote for the members.
9. True
10. True

## Part B

1. Accept any reasonable response
2. Legislative – makes laws for the country  
Judicial – makes sure the laws conform to the constitution  
Executive – makes sure laws are obeyed
3. Accept any reasonable response
4. Accept any reasonable response
5. Accept any reasonable response

# The House of Commons

