

Who Has the Power?
Identifying levels and types of government power
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The powers of each level of government relates to the types of issues each level deals with. The federal government has the power to handle issues the entire nation is concerned about. The state governments have the power to handle issues that concern citizens of particular states. Similarly, local governments have the power to address issues that concern citizens in towns, cities and counties.

Directions: Read each question below. Determine which level of government has the power to address the question by placing an “X” under the column that matches the level of government. In some cases, more than one level of government has the power to address the question.

	Who has the power?	Federal	State	Local
1.	Who should I talk to about the pothole in the street outside my house?			
2.	A group of people want to establish a new city. Who should they talk to?			
3.	Who makes sure the country’s economy is safe and stable?			
4.	My taxes keep going up! Who can I talk to about this?			
5.	The swings are broken at the park in our neighborhood. Who can we contact to fix the swings?			
6.	Who solves conflicts between states?			
7.	My garbage hasn’t been picked up in two weeks. Who do I talk to about this issue?			
8.	I have an idea for a law! Who should I talk to?			
9.	Who will protect us against foreign invasions and threats?			
10.	I just finished beauty school! Who do I contact to get my official license so that I can get a job cutting hair?			

