

Vocabuilder: Government

VOCAB LIST: The Three Branches of Government

In the US government there are 3 branches: the executive branch, the legislative branch, and the judicial branch.

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH includes the President, the Vice President, and the cabinet members. The executive branch enforces the laws. This branch includes the people below.

President

Vice President

Cabinet – the people appointed by a president to assist him (including several Secretaries or Ministers)

THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH writes the laws. This branch includes the people below.

legislature – a group of people who make laws

Congress (US) – the legislature in the USA, which includes two parts: the **House of Representatives** and the **Senate**

Parliament (UK) – the legislature in the UK, which includes two parts: the **House of Commons** and the **House of Lords**

THE JUDICIAL BRANCH is the system of courts. The judicial branch “interprets: the laws, or decides what the laws mean. This branch includes 3 levels of courts. The highest court in the country is called the **Supreme Court**.

Supreme Court – the highest court in a country

Justices – the judges on the Supreme Court (In the USA, there are nine Supreme Court Justices)

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Which branch are these people in? Write each word under the branch that it is in.

Executive Branch	Legislative Branch	Judicial Branch

Legislator

President Senator

Justice

Minister Mayor

Judge

Vice President Secretary

Governor