

## WALT: Explore the meaning of words in context

### UN Convention on the Rights of the Child



### In Child Friendly Language

"Rights" are things every child should have or be able to do. All children have the same rights. These rights are listed in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Almost every country has agreed to these rights. All the rights are connected to each other, and all are equally important. Sometimes, we have to think about rights in terms of what is the best for children in a situation, and what is critical to life and protection from harm. As you grow, you have more responsibility to make choices and exercise your rights.

**Article 1**  
Everyone under 18 has these rights.

**Article 2**  
All children have these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what their parents do, what language they speak, what their religion is, whether they are a boy or girl, what their culture is, whether they have a disability, whether they are rich or poor. No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.

**Article 3**  
All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.

**Article 4**  
The government has a responsibility to make sure your rights are protected. They must help your family to protect your rights and create an environment where you can grow and reach your potential.

**Article 5**  
Your family has the responsibility to help you learn to exercise your rights, and to ensure that your rights are protected.

**Article 6**

**Article 15**  
You have the right to choose your own friends and join or not join groups, as long as it isn't harmful to others.

**Article 16**  
You have the right to privacy.

**Article 17**  
You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, news, paper, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you find and understand the information you need.

**Article 18**  
You have the right to be raised by your parent if possible.

**Article 19**  
You have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or mind.

**Article 20**  
You have the right to special care and help if you cannot live with your parents.

**Article 21**  
You have the right to care and protection if

**Article 28**  
You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

**Article 29**  
Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

**Article 30**  
You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion, or any of these. Minority and indigenous groups need special protection of this right.

**Article 31**  
You have the right to play and rest.

**Article 32**  
You have the right to protection from work that harms you, and is bad for your health and education. If you work, you have the right to be safe and paid fairly.

**Article 33**  
You have the right to protection from harmful drugs and from the drug trade.

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As a child you are entitled to something called rights. These "rights" mean that you should have these things provided for you. This means that adults, parents/guardians/teachers, oversee making sure you are well-cared for and protected from harm.

An example of one of the articles in the UN Convention rights of the child document:

### Article 3

All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.

There are 54 articles in total!

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### 1. Underline any new vocabulary.

#### Article 13 - Express ideas freely

Children have the right to freely share the information they have obtained, their own thoughts and feelings with others through speech, drawing, writing or other means, unless this will harm others.

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Why is this right important to me?

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*Task:*

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find things out.

form an opinion/  
suggestion/idea/  
thought or feeling  
about the informatio  
found.

Share with others

Why is this right important to me?

This right is important to me because it means that I can share how I feel about something in a way that is comfortable for me.



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### Article 31

You have the right to play and rest.

### Article 2

All children have these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what their parents do, what language they speak, what their religion is, whether they are a boy or girl, what their culture is, whether they have a disability, whether they are rich or poor. No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.

### Article 15

You have the right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups, as long as it isn't harmful to others.

### Article 27

You have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have your basic needs met. You should not be disadvantaged so that you can't do many of the things other kids can do.

### Article 17

You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you find and understand the information you need.

### Article 37

No one is allowed to punish you in a cruel or harmful way.

### Tasks

Underline any new words that you don't understand in the articles.

- Can you select at least 1 word in your article to explain.

- Justify why you think this right is important to you. Use the word mat to help you start your sentences.

\*Repeat this for at least 3 of the rights.

### Opinion sentence starters...

I think...

I believe...

I prefer...

I feel...

I agree...

I disagree...

Everyone should...

I know...

The best thing about...

In my opinion...