

## Test Your Research Skills

At What Age Can I Legally... in the UK?

- a) Draw a line to show when you can legally do each thing in the UK.  
b) Discuss the differences and similarities between the UK and your country.

*At what age can I legally...?*

**NO LIMIT**

1. get married with my parent or carer's consent
2. have a part-time job
3. buy cigarettes and tobacco
4. buy and drink alcohol in a pub
5. have a full-time job
6. place a bet in a bookmakers
7. join the army with my parent or carer's agreement
8. apply for a passport
9. drink alcohol with a meal in a restaurant
10. open a bank account without my parent or carer's signature
11. have sex
12. have an abortion without my parent or carer's consent
13. make a will
14. live on my own
15. vote in elections and referendums
16. go into a pub and buy soft drinks
17. get a tattoo
18. ride a moped
19. have a driving licence for a car
20. change my name by deed poll
21. fly a hot air balloon
22. play the National Lottery
23. buy fireworks
24. pawn my belongings in a pawn shop
25. adopt a child
26. pilot a plane
27. pay tax and national insurance
28. leave full-time education or training
29. claim benefits
30. become a blood donor

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13. make a will	18
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