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Parliament Week

Laws passed in UK Parliament influence our lives in many ways. Bring laws to life in this UK Parliament Week colouring book. We've left the UKPW logo above blank so you can give it a makeover, share your creations using the hashtag #UKPW on social media!

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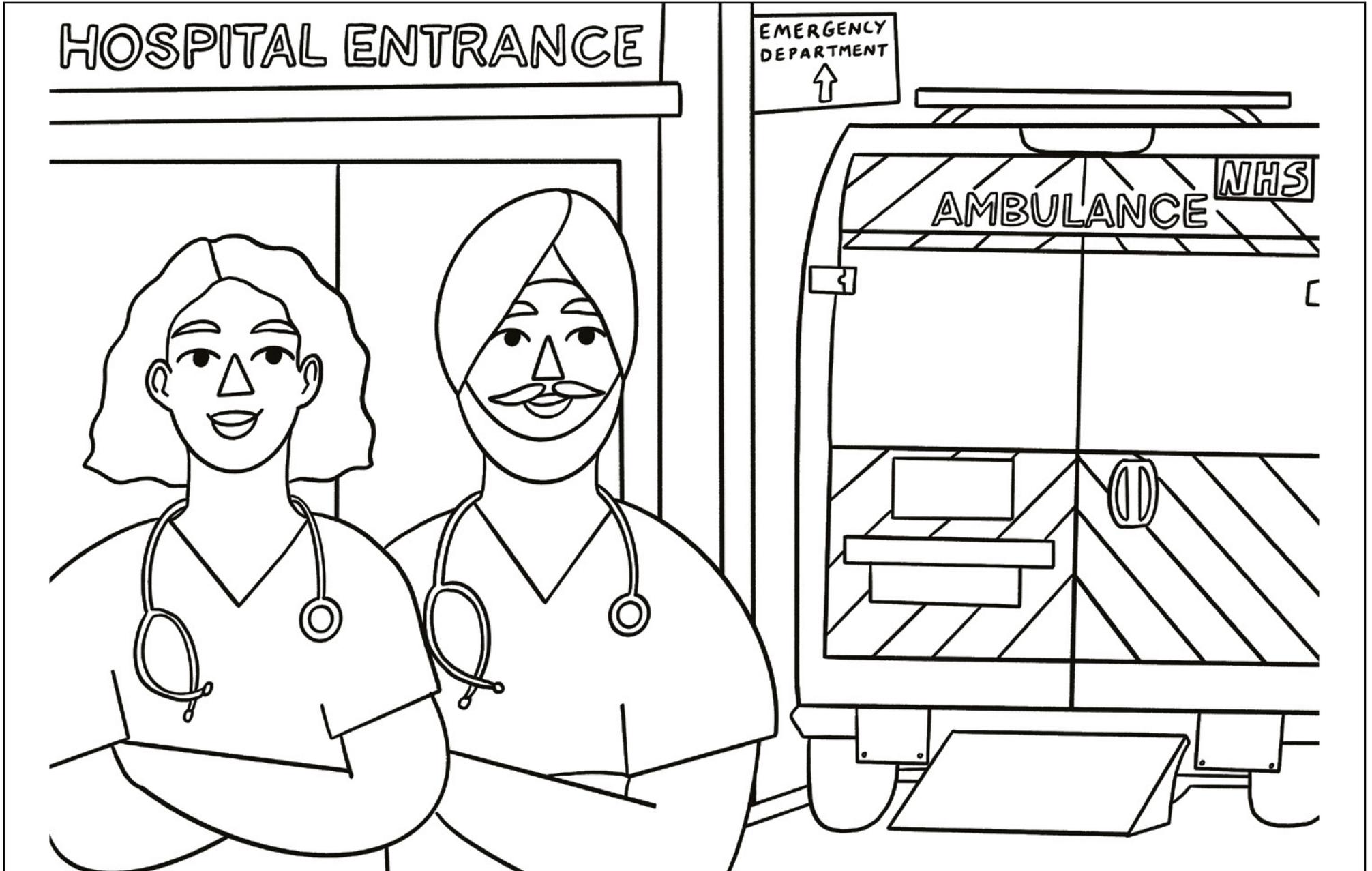
UK is a democracy which means we choose who represents us in UK Parliament by voting. When Parliament first began, all women and some men were not allowed to vote and they fought against this, including by lobbying Parliament.

In 1918 the Representation of the People Act extended the vote to all men over 21 and some women over 30, but it wasn't until the Equal Franchise Act became law in 1928 that men and women had equal voting rights.



Did you know the UK was one of the first countries in the world to have free healthcare? The National Health Service Act was introduced in 1946 after a campaign by Welsh MP Aneurin Bevan who was the Minister for Health.

He wanted to ensure that healthcare was inclusive and accessible to everyone. As healthcare is a devolved matter, Scotland and Northern Ireland introduced their own laws on publicly funded healthcare.



The UK Parliament makes laws which keep us safe and make things fairer. The Equality Act 2010 protects people from being treated differently because of characteristics like who they are, how they look or what circumstances they are in. There are nine protected characteristics, how many do you know?

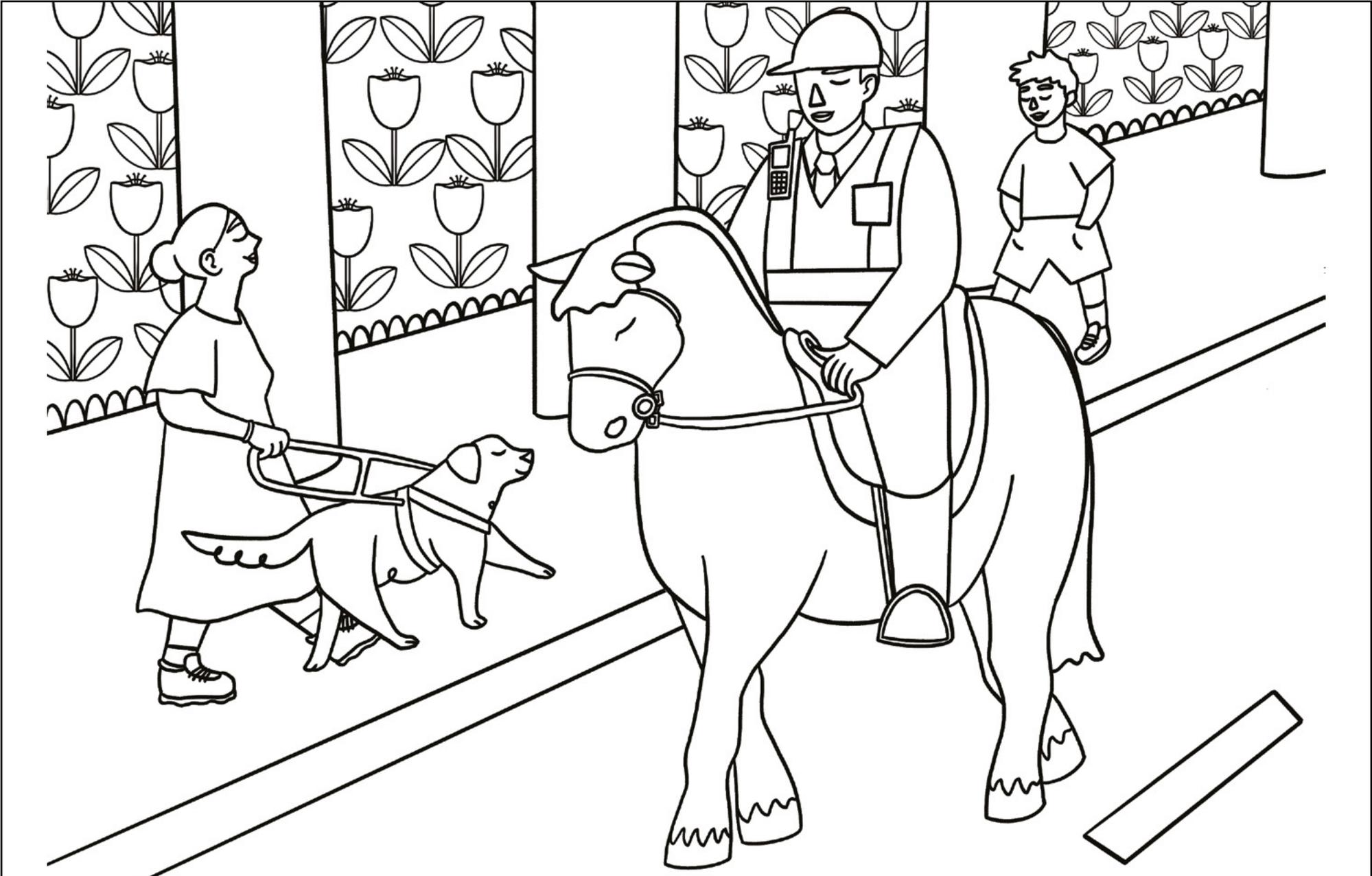


ANSWERS
1. Age, 2. Sex, 3. Disability, 4. Religious belief, 5. Race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin), 6. Being married or in a civil partnership, 7. Being pregnant or on maternity leave, 8. Gender reassignment, 9. Sexual orientation

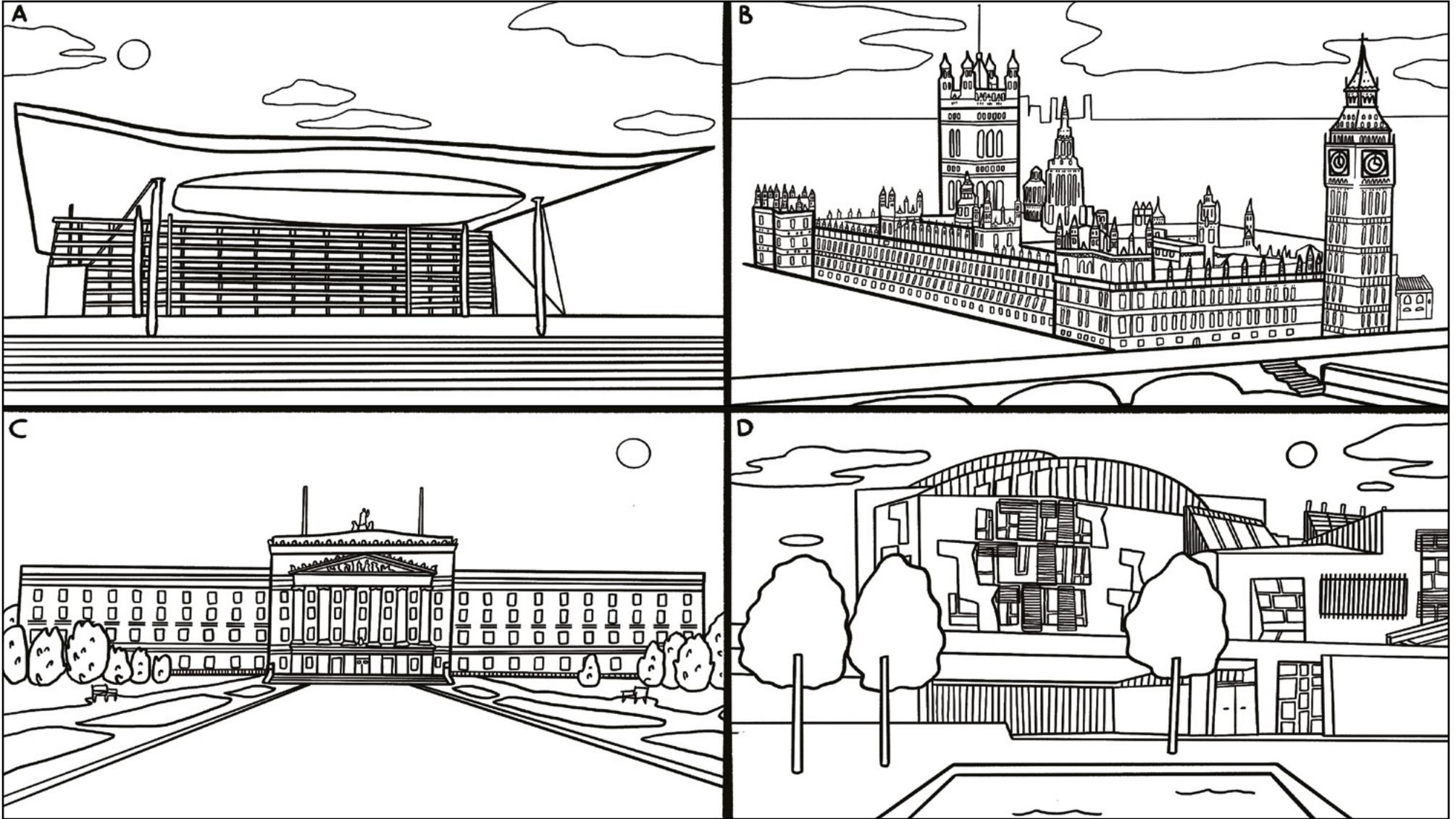
Laws passed in UK Parliament influence our everyday life in many ways. When we go shopping, we are charged for carrier bags, but that wasn't always the case. The Climate Change Act 2008 led to the introduction of this law to cut down on single use plastic and litter.



Petitions and campaigns have the power to raise awareness and bring about change on an issue you care about. After police dog Finn was seriously hurt, there was a successful campaign and The Animal Welfare (Service Animals) Act 2019 was passed to protect service animals.



UK Parliament has devolved some of its decision-making powers to the Northern Ireland Assembly, the Scottish Parliament and the Senedd Cymru/Welsh Parliament. Do you know which city each building is located in?



ANSWERS

A. Cardiff – Senedd Cymru/Welsh Parliament, **B.** London – Houses of Parliament, **C.** Belfast – Northern Ireland Assembly (Stormont), **D.** Edinburgh – Scottish Parliament (Holyrood)

When the Palace of Westminster was destroyed in a fire in 1834, the new houses of parliament was designed by architect Charles Barry. The decorations inside this new building were planned by A.W.N. Pugin.

Below are some of Pugin's encaustic tile designs. How colourful can you make them? Use the blank space to create your own designs.

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