



The Supreme Court: have a look inside

Description

- A sequence of 11 slides which introduces students to the United Kingdom Supreme Court.

Teaching ideas

- The presentation can be used on a whiteboard with the whole class or could be followed by individual students or groups.
- The presentation can be printed out for students to work with individually.
- The presentation can be downloaded, if you require an editable version of this resource please contact enquiries@supremecourt.uk
- Students can reflect on how they might feel in different parts of the Court, taking a cue from the body language of the person guiding the presentation, e.g. feeling squashed when the Court is busy, feeling excited going in through the front door.

Notes on the pictures

1. Look inside the United Kingdom Supreme Court

All photographs are taken at the Supreme Court and show public areas which you and the students might use as part of a visit. This can help prepare students for their trip.

2. This is the Supreme Court. Have a look inside.

The front of the building might look quite intimidating. The Supreme Court is on Parliament Square and so will be busy and loud outside. The building is over one hundred years old (*built in 1913*) but the Supreme Court is quite new (*opened October 2009*). Are any students older than the Supreme Court?

3. This is where security help us to be safe.

Everyone who visits the Supreme Court must go through security. This is to keep everyone safe. You will give your bags to someone who works here, and it will be checked. You will walk through a scanner which may beep, you might also have to stand still while a security guard scans you, but they will not touch you. This can be quite scary, but it is to keep us safe when we visit.

4. This is Daisy and Natasha. They work at the Supreme Court.

Daisy and Natasha work at the Supreme Court. Daisy teaches some of the school groups who visit the Court. Natasha is in charge of the education programmes at the Court. This image shows Daisy and Natasha standing by the front desk. This is where Daisy will meet you after you and your bags have been checked by security.

5. The Supreme Court is busy.

Lots of people visit the Supreme Court. Some parts of the building will be more busy and some will be less busy. *When students are in a Courtroom with a guide there will be no public access.*

6. The Supreme Court is big. This room is old.

The Supreme Court is a big building. This picture shows Courtroom 1. Courtroom 1 is the biggest room in the building. This room looks old, some of it is over one hundred years old. Court cases will be heard here and there is space for lots of people to sit and listen. *If students want they will be able to sit in the Justices' chairs on their visit.*

7. The Supreme Court is big. This room is new.

The Supreme Court is big, it has 3 courtrooms. This picture is Courtroom 2. Courtroom 2 is colourful and new. There are lots of seats and space for people to sit and listen. Where do you think the Justices sit?

8. The Supreme Court is colourful.

The Supreme Court is colourful, the carpets have bright colours and flowers. The flowers represent England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. The windows are colourful, they are made of stained glass.

9. There are lifts and stairs.

You and your group can use the lifts to take you to the Courtrooms. There are stairs too, these will also take you to the Courtrooms.

10. The Supreme Court has toilets.

There are toilets on the lower ground floor, ground floor and second floor. There are multiple accessible toilets.

11. What happens here?

The Supreme Court Justices work at the Supreme Court. Their job is to listen to different people and make a choice. There are lots of different courts at the UK, The Supreme Court is at the top!

12. Come and have a look. See you soon!

This image is the front of the UK Supreme Court, students will leave through the reception area and through the front doors onto parliament square. The same way they entered the building.