Communities Have Rules and Laws

Rules Are Important
Rules help people know what they should or should not do. Most groups have rules. Groups may make or change rules together. A law is a rule that everyone in a community, state, or nation must follow.

Making and Following Laws
People choose leaders to make laws. Leaders are in charge of police. Police tell people how to obey laws and stop those who break laws. People also choose judges. A judge helps decide if someone has broken a law. A judge also says what the consequence is for breaking a law. A consequence is something that happens because of something else.

Rules and Laws in the Community
Some rules and laws help people share resources. Other rules and laws help people get along. Still other rules and laws keep people safe.

Find and underline a form of each vocabulary word.

- **rule noun**, something that tells people what they should or should not do
- **law noun**, a rule that everyone in a community, state, or nation must follow
- **judge noun**, someone who helps decide if a person has broken a law
- **consequence noun**, something that happens because of something else

What does a judge do?
Highlight the sentences that tell the answer.