

## 8A COMMUNICATIVE Good laws?

- a** Read about some existing laws in different countries. In pairs or small groups, discuss whether you think each law is a good one, and whether you would like to have it in your country.
- b** For each section write one new law that you would like to see introduced in your country.

### Animals

#### 1 Poland

If you have a dog, it must always wear a muzzle and be kept on a lead when you take it for walks.



#### 2 Sweden

All animals which are kept inside a house / flat must have access to natural light.

#### 3 New law

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### On the road

#### 1 Germany

People who want to get a driving licence have to do a first-aid training course. They must also carry a first-aid kit in their cars.



#### 2 Spain

Car drivers are not allowed to wear flip-flops while driving.

#### 3 New law

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### In the street

#### 1 Iceland

Teenagers aged between 13-16 are not allowed to be outdoors after 10.00 at night unless they are on their way home from a recognized event organized by a school, sports organization, or youth club. During the summer months they can be outdoors for two hours longer.



#### 2 Italy

In Genoa, people are not allowed to walk around with a bottle of wine or a can of beer in their hand.

#### 3 New law

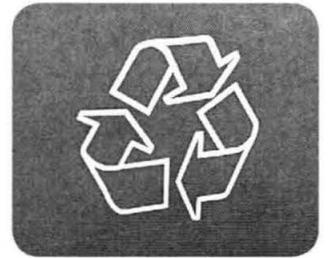
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### The environment

#### 1 Norway

When you buy a bottle or a can of drink you have to pay a deposit. When the bottle or can is empty, you take it back to a recycling centre where your deposit is refunded.



#### 2 Mexico

There is a complete ban on free plastic bags in Mexico City. Customers are charged if they want them, and the bags must be biodegradable.

#### 3 New law

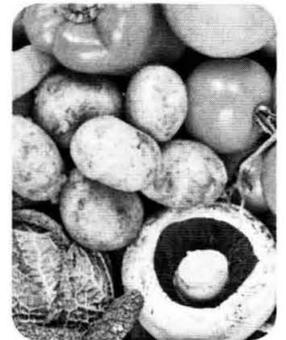
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### Food and health

#### 1 Brazil

All Brazilian state-school children are given one free meal at school every day. 70% of this food has to be fresh, and the other 30% must come from local family farmers.



#### 2 Japan

There is a special tax on food or drink which the government considers to be unhealthy. People who want to buy these things have to pay a lot more than they would for healthier options.

#### 3 New law

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