Right or Privilege?

*Guide Sheet for Trainers*

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A

Before the activity, make 2 signs: one labeled **RIGHT** and the other labeled **PRIVILEGE**. Tape these up (or pin them) on opposite sides of the room where your session is taking place.

B

**Share These Definitions with Your Audience**

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<th><strong>Right</strong></th>
<th>1. Conforming with or conformable to law; justice, or morality. 2. Being in accord with fact, reason, or truth.</th>
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<td><strong>Privilege</strong></td>
<td>1. A special advantage, immunity, permission, right, or benefit granted to or enjoyed by an individual, class, or caste. 2. Such a right or advantage held because of one’s status or rank, and exercised to the detriment or exclusion of others.</td>
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**Share the activity’s instructions with the audience, saying:** “I will be reading a series of statements one by one. Based on the statement I read and your understanding of how “right” and “privilege” are defined, do you think the statement is a right or a privilege? When you’ve decided, please share your answer by walking to the side of the room labeled either **Right** or **Privilege**.”

D

**Now what? How the “Right” or “Privilege” Activity Works**

Read a right or privilege statement from the list of suggestions on the next page. Pause. Give participants time to decide if they think the statement refers to a right or a privilege. If necessary, remind them to walk to the “RIGHT” or “PRIVILEGE” side of the room. Once participants have done so, re-read the statement and invite individuals to share why they have positioned themselves where they have. Many different perspectives are possible—and, indeed, likely!
Right or Privilege Statements

➢ Getting an education
➢ Getting a driver’s license
➢ Eating candy in the classroom
➢ Being able to study in a quiet place
➢ Breathing clean air
➢ Drinking healthy water
➢ Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness
➢ Expecting that a treaty or contract will be followed