

**THE ROLE OF THE LEGISLATURE, LOBBYIST AND COURT
QUASI ROLE-PLAYING
THE COURT**

The legislature has enacted a law requiring that at all the entrances to the park the following sign is to be posted:

“NO VEHICLES IN THE PARK”

The law seems clear but some disputes have arisen. It is your job as the court to interpret the law. Examine the following situations and decide whether or not the vehicle described in each case should be allowed in the park. Write down the reasons for your choice.

1. John Smith lives on one side of town and works on the other. He will save ten minutes if he drives through the park.
2. There are many trash barrels in the park for litter to keep the park clean. The sanitation department wants to drive the truck in to collect the trash.
3. Two police cars are chasing a suspected bank robber. If one police car cuts through the park, it can get in front of the suspect's car and trap it between the patrol cars.
4. An ambulance is racing to the hospital with a dying patient. The shortest route is through the park.
5. Some of the children who visit the park want to ride their bicycles there.
6. Mrs. Thomas wants to take her baby to the park in a stroller.
7. A monument is being erected to the town's citizens who died in the Vietnam War. A tank, donated by the government, is to be placed beside the monument.

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LOBBYIST FOR CITIZENS WHO USE THE PARK**

As discussed previously, the State of Beautiful has established a lovely park near Montague High School. In an effort to control the noise, traffic, and pollution, the legislature is considering enacting the following law:

“NO VEHICLES IN THE PARK”

Your assignment is to assume the role of a lobbyist. You represent the citizens who use the park. Outline a letter to Senator Sassafrass explaining why or why not the above law should or should not be enacted. State your positions and then explain how you reached those positions. In other words, justify your beliefs and make a persuasive argument to the legislators so that they will agree with you. Also, feel free to suggest alternative proposals that you believe would work better.