

# UNCRC

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## ‘Sort it Out’

*For primary school teachers*

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# True

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*How to use the:*

## ‘UNCRC Sort it Out’ cards

1. Get participants into groups of no more than 6 people.
2. For each group, have ready a set of statement cards and three A4 sized True, False and Don't Know cards.
3. Shuffle the statement cards and divide them amongst the whole group (those working with primary aged children may want to remove some of the cards to make the pack smaller).
4. Place the True, False and Don't Know cards in the middle of the each group
5. Ask the groups to go through their statements and decide whether they think each statement is True, False or Don't know. The groups carries on until all their cards are placed on the relevant A4 cards in the middle.
6. Go through the cards with the group as a whole and discuss the answers (particularly the Don't know's). In order to encourage further discussion, some of the statements have been made ambiguous, for example, the one about children being properly dressed.

1

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***The 'U' in  
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***The word Convention  
means an agreement between  
countries. People sometimes call  
this a treaty.***

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***The convention  
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***There are 54 parts of the UNCRC - these are called Articles***

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***Articles 1-42 are a list of the rights that children around the world have got.***

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***The UNCRC is older than the Universal Declaration of Human Rights***

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***The UNCRC was put together in 2001***

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1989***

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19

***One right is that all  
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18

***One right is that  
children should not  
be sold***

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***One right says that children  
should eat what they want,  
when they want.***

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***One right is that children can make their own decisions about what happens to them in their lives***

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31

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***The government  
should be letting children  
know about their rights.***

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***If children go to  
prison they don't have  
any rights until they are  
released.***

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***If a child moves to another  
country they still have all  
of their rights.***

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***One right is that children  
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Primary teachers' support for:

# 'UNCRC Sort it Out' cards

## THE ANSWERS

1. The UNCRC is over 21 years old.  
— **True**
2. The 'U' in UNCRC stands for 'United'  
— **True**
3. The 'N' in UNCRC stands for 'Nations'  
— **True**
4. The first 'C' in UNCRC stands for 'Convention'  
— **True**
5. The 'R' in UNCRC stands for 'Rights'  
— **True**
6. The second 'C' in UNCRC stands for 'Child'  
— **True**
7. The word 'Convention' means an agreement between countries. People sometimes call this a treaty.  
— **True**
8. The convention was signed by more nations than any international document in history.  
— **True**

9. Only two nations have so far failed to ratify or sign up to the UNCRC

— **True**

*Clarification about the nations that have not signed up to the UNCRC*

*Who has not ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child and why?*

*The Convention on the Rights of the Child is the most widely and rapidly ratified human rights treaty in history. Only two countries, Somalia and the United States, have not ratified this celebrated agreement. Somalia is currently unable to proceed to ratification as it has no recognized government. By signing the Convention, the United States has signalled its intention to ratify—but has yet to do so.*

*As in many other nations, the United States undertakes an extensive examination and scrutiny of treaties before proceeding to ratify. This examination, which includes an evaluation of the degree of compliance with existing law and practice in the country at state and federal levels, can take several years—or even longer if the treaty is portrayed as being controversial or if the process is politicized. Moreover, the US Government typically will consider only one human rights treaty at a time. Currently, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women is cited as the nation's top priority among human rights treaties. (From [unicef.org/uk](http://unicef.org/uk))*

10. There are 54 parts of the UNCRC – these are called Articles

— **True**

11. Articles 1-42 are a list of the rights that children around the world have got.

— **True**

12. Some parts (articles) of the UNCRC are telling governments that they should be making sure that all children get to have all of their rights.

— **True A4**

13. The UNCRC was brought about as children need to have more support and protection and than is given to adults in the older Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

— **True**

14. The UNCRC is older than the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

— **False**

*(The UDHR was agreed in 1948; the UNCRC was adopted by the UN and put out for signature in 1989 – the following year it had been ratified by the required number of nations.)*

15. UNCRC is form of toilet cleaner

— **False**

16. The UNCRC was put together in 2001

— **False**

17. The UNCRC was signed by the UK in 1989

— **True**

18. One right is that all children should have a free games console

— **False – but A31**

19. One right is that children should not be sold

— **True - A35**

20. One right says that children should eat what they want, when they want

— **False**

*but A24 says that children have the right to nutritious food*

21. One right should be that children should be listened to particularly about issues that affect them.

— **True - A12**

22. One right is that children can make their own decisions about what happens to them in their lives

— **False**

*but children have the right to have their opinions taken into account/be listened to about anything that might affect them, such as decisions about their family ,education and health care -A12*

23. One right is that children should be properly dressed at all times.

— **False**

*there is no specific right about this However there are rights that should protect children from neglect such as A19*

24. One right is that children should be able to vote after their twelfth birthday.

— **False**

*different countries will have different voting ages. (Discussion - A12 states that children should have their opinions taken into account about things that will effect them)*

Primary teachers' support for:

# 'UNCRC' Sort it Out cards

## THE ANSWERS

25. One right is that no-one should be allowed to deliberately hurt children

– **True A19,**

*although other articles are there to protect children from getting hurt in other ways, eg A32*

26. The 'U' in UNCRC stands for 'Urangutan'

– **False**

27. The 'N' in UNCRC stands for 'Nursery'

– **False**

28. The second 'C' in UNCRC stands for 'Computers'

– **False**

29. The 'R' in UNCRC stands for 'Raincoat'

– **False**

30. The first 'C' in UNCRC stands for 'Cauliflower'

– **False**

31. Only some children are allowed to read the UNCRC

– **False A42**

*but also opinion. (Discussion – all governments who have ratified the UNCRC should be making sure that all children are aware of it. Is this the case?)*

32. The UNCRC was written because children were behaving badly and were out of control.

– **False**

33. 33) Only parents and teachers need to know about the UNCRC

– **False**

34. The UNCRC has been translated into over 30 languages

– **True**

35. If a person cannot read their rights are not protected by the UNCRC

– **False**

36. In Wales approximately only 9% of children and young people know about the UNCRC

– **True (though we're hoping that it will soon be false!)**

37. It is the most signed international document in history

– **True**

38. Countries who signed the UNCRC received a financial reward for doing so.

– **False**

39. Wales was the 1st country in the UK to employ someone to make sure that children and young people's right were being taken seriously. This person is the Children's Commissioner for Wales.

– **True**

40. It is harder for poor countries to achieve some of the rights.

– **True**

*but A24 and A28 are there to help to remedy this.*

41. One right is that children should never have to work until they are adults.

– **False – but A32**

42. One right is that governments should be making sure that all parents and children know about the UNCRC

– **A42**

43. If children go to prison they don't have any rights until they are released.

– **False**

*several articles including A1, A37 and A40*

44. If a child moves to another country they still have all of their rights.

– **True**

*several articles including A1 and A22. Discussion*

*- although the UNCRC states that all children have all of the rights no matter where they live is this always the case? If a child moves country does this effect what rights they can have – eg if they are a refugee? (Nb – child refugees in the UK have not been receiving all of their rights, for example.)*

45. Children can only have the rights if they also act responsibly.

– **False A1 and A2**

46. In Wales young people up to the age of 25 are supported by the UNCRC when the Welsh Assembly Government is making decisions that will affect them.

– **True**

47. One right is that children shouldn't do work that might harm them or their education.

– **True A32**

48. One right is that children under 18 should never fight in wars.

– **False A38**

*(In the UK you can join the army at 16 – with parents consent – but you cannot take part in operations until the age of 18)*

