

Checks and Balances Chart Directions: Various governmental powers are listed below. Identify the branch doing the checking and the branch being checked. More than one answer is possible per section.

Power	Which Branch Has The Power?	Which Branch's Power is Being Checked? (Could be more than one)
1) Create and pass legislation.	Ex: Legislative Branch	Executive Branch, Judicial Branch (they must all follow these laws...the executive carries them out and the Judicial must interpret them)
2) Veto bills.	Ex: Executive Branch (President)	Legislative Branch (they create the bills)
3) Ratify/approve treaties.		
4) Nominate/Appoint Federal judges and secretaries of departments.		
5) Impeachment of federal officials.		
6) Confirm the appointment of presidential appointments. (Like federal judges, secretaries of departments, etc...)		
7) Declare laws unconstitutional.		
8) Override Presidential Vetoes.		
9) Federal Judges have lifetime appointments/terms.		
10) Controls appropriations of money, approves budget.		
11) Presidential Pardon for federal offenses		