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Quiz

Your First Contracts

Comprehension

1. Matching: Place the letter for each example below in the correct box in the table.

	Oral	Written
Short term		
Long term		

Short-term: Each person does what they promised to do one time.

Long-term: Each person does what they promised to do over a long period of time or several times.

- a) Subscribing to a streaming service like Netflix
- b) Signing a cellphone contract
- c) Buying an ice cream cone
- d) Renting a car
- e) Opening a social media account (for example, agreeing to the terms and conditions)
- f) Mowing your neighbour's lawn on Saturday mornings in exchange for some spending money
- g) Signing up for a training program at a gym

2. In your opinion, what is the main reason that someone might refuse to enter into a contract with you if you're under 18?

3. In which cases can you enter into a contract if you're under 18?

4. Complete the following sentences:

- a) When someone _____, they promise to pay someone else's debts if this person doesn't pay.
- b) A minor needs their parents' permission if they make a purchase that _____
- c) If you want to cancel a cellphone contract, the cancellation fees will depend mainly on

Scenario

Daniel is 17 years old. He works as a cashier at a dep near his home in Laval. He wants to save up to buy a car. He plans to use it mainly to drive to school and to visit his girlfriend in Ontario. After having saved \$1,900, he finds a used car for sale online. The selling price is \$1,550. Since he doesn't have any other expenses and has saved up enough money, he contacts the seller to say he is interested in buying the car. The seller tells him it's still available and that he can pick it up the next day. The seller doesn't know that Daniel is a minor.



Daniel goes to see the car. The seller tells him the car is in good condition and that it needs a few minor repairs. He also tells Daniel that the car was inspected last month. Daniel believes that the selling price of \$1,550 is still a good deal because the car is in good condition. The seller asks him to sign a document stating:

The buyer did not inspect the car at the time of purchase. He is buying the car "as seen and tested." He will make the necessary repairs. The seller is not responsible for any repair costs.



The car breaks down the second time Daniel drives it and needs to be towed. The cost of the repairs and towing is \$700. Daniel realizes the buyer took advantage of him and that he can't afford the repairs. He regrets his decision to buy the car and wasn't expecting all of these extra expenses. His parents are furious when they found out, even if they have the money to pay for the repair bills.

(Scenario inspired by the case Auclair v. Simard, 2007 QCCQ 12023)

1. In your opinion, was Daniel allowed to buy the car without his parents' permission?

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To help you answer, think about these questions:

- a) How did Daniel pay for the car?
- b) Why does he need one?

Arguments for:

Yes, Daniel was allowed to buy the car without his parents' permission because . . .

Arguments against:

No, Daniel was not allowed to buy the car without his parents' permission because . . .

2. In your opinion, can the contract be cancelled? Why or why not?

Arguments for:

Yes, the contract can be cancelled because . . .

Arguments against:

No, the contract can't be cancelled because . . .

