

## **Engel v. Vitale / Vocabulary •**

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As you read the background summary of *Engel v. Vitale*, look for the **important vocabulary terms**. When you come to one of those terms, look at this page for its definition. Then, check to see if you understand the definition by either sketching a picture of what you think it means, or by putting it in your own words.

### **1. Establishment Clause**

**Definition:** the part of the First Amendment that protects Americans from government-sponsored religion: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion.”

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

### **2. Free Exercise Clause**

**Definition:** the part of the First Amendment that protects the right to freely exercise one’s religion: “Congress shall make no law ... prohibiting the free exercise” of religion.

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

4. **plaintiff**

**Definition:** the person (or group of people) who brings a lawsuit in a court; the party suing the defendant for damages.

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

5. **violated**

**Define:** to have infringed on a right or broken a law or rule.

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

6. **voluntary**

**Define:** done of one's own accord or by free choice; not mandatory.

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing: