

## Study Guide

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Complete each item as you read Chapter 13 (pages 251–256).

1. How many justices sit on the Supreme Court? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the head justice called? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Most cases are brought before the Supreme Court by a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, which is an order to send the case record to the Court because of a claim that a lower court mishandled the case.
4. Chief Justice William Rehnquist cited three factors the Court considers when deciding whether to review a case. These are 1) whether the \_\_\_\_\_ has been decided differently by lower courts, 2) whether a lower-court ruling conflicts with a \_\_\_\_\_ ruling, and 3) whether the case will have significance beyond the two \_\_\_\_\_ involved in it.
5. Are Supreme Court sessions open to the public? \_\_\_\_\_  
Are Court discussions and deliberations? \_\_\_\_\_
6. The official decision of the Supreme Court is written in the \_\_\_\_\_, although dissenting justices may issue a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ may be issued by justices who agree with the majority opinion but want to emphasize other legal points.
8. New Supreme Court sessions begin each \_\_\_\_\_.

## Vocabulary

Read each description, and write the letter of the correct term on the line.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Opinion issued by Supreme Court justices who agree with a ruling
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Opinion issued by Supreme Court justices who disagree with a ruling
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Opinion issued by Supreme Court justices who agree with a ruling but for reasons other than those offered by the majority

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| a | concurring opinion |
| b | dissenting opinion |
| c | majority opinion   |