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Branch Balance Answer Key

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| 1. J - Judicial | 6. E - Executive |
| 2. E - Executive | 7. L - Legislative |
| 3. L - Legislative | 8. E - Executive |
| 4. J - Judicial | 9. J - Judicial |
| 5. L - Legislative | 10. L - Legislative |

Teacher's Guide

- Review the terms: "Executive," "Legislative," "Judicial," and "Judicial Review."
- Provide brief context: *Marbury v. Madison* strengthened the Judicial Branch's role.
- Encourage students to justify their sorting decisions aloud or in writing.

Differentiation

- Support: Provide a graphic organizer with branch icons or color-coding.
- Challenge: Ask students to add one new example for each branch.
- English Learners: Let students act out examples to show understanding of each power.

Engagement Ideas

- Create a "Balance of Power" relay: students place cards under the correct branch on the board.
- Use real or current events and ask which branch is acting in each case.

Extension Ideas

- Students write a short paragraph explaining why checks and balances are essential in preventing government abuse.
- Have students connect judicial review to a modern Supreme Court case.