

Social studies

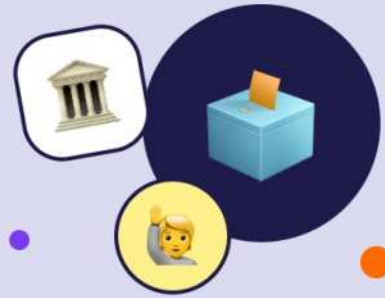
Grade 5

Democracy and voting

Learn how people make decisions together and choose their leaders.



I can explain what democracy is and how voting works.



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Match up

Draw a line to match each pair.

☐

Democracy

☐

Election

☐

Parliament

☐

Ballot



● A. where laws are made

● B. people choose their leaders

● C. the paper or form used to vote

● D. a time when people vote

2

**True or false**

Circle true or false.

1. In a democracy, people can share their opinions freely.
2. Only the richest people may vote in a democracy.
3. Voting is usually secret.

True

False

True

False

True

False

3

**Put it in order**

Number the boxes to put them in the right order.

☐

The votes are counted.

☐

Candidates share their ideas.

☐

The results are announced.

☐

Voters think about who to choose.

☐

People vote in secret.

4

**Pick the answer**

Circle the right answer.

1. In a direct democracy...

A people vote on laws themselves

B a king decides everything

C only the army decides

2. Which city is often called the birthplace of democracy?

A Rome

B Athens

C Paris

3. A majority means...

A less than half

B exactly one person

C more than half

4. Why is voting secret?

A so nobody can pressure you

B to save paper

C so votes are counted faster

5



Count the votes

Two classes voted for a trip. Add up the votes.

Trip	Class A	Class B	Total
Zoo	8	6	
Museum	5	7	
Beach	11	10	

6



Democracy words

Use the word bank to complete each sentence.

WORD BANK

18

parliament

opinion

election

vote

1. In many countries, people can vote from the age of _____.
2. The people elected to make laws sit in _____.
3. In a democracy, everyone may say their _____.
4. At an _____, citizens choose who will represent them.
5. Each voter has one _____.

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**Democratic or not?**

Write each phrase in the right box.

one leader decides everything

people are punished for their opinions

free newspapers

everyone's vote counts the same

only one party is allowed

free elections

Democratic

Not democratic

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**Think and write**

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How did it go?



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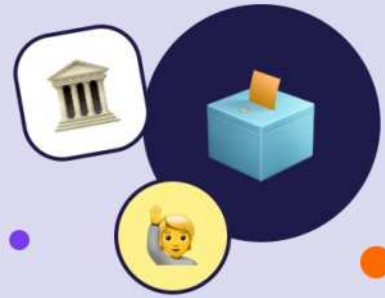
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