

What is an Election?

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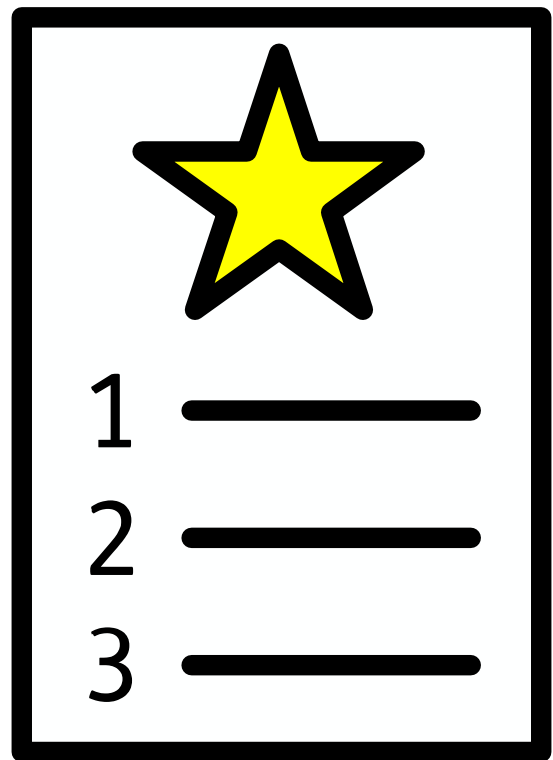


There are two types of elections.

They are called general elections and local elections.

Political Parties campaign to win votes.

The news reports on election campaigns.

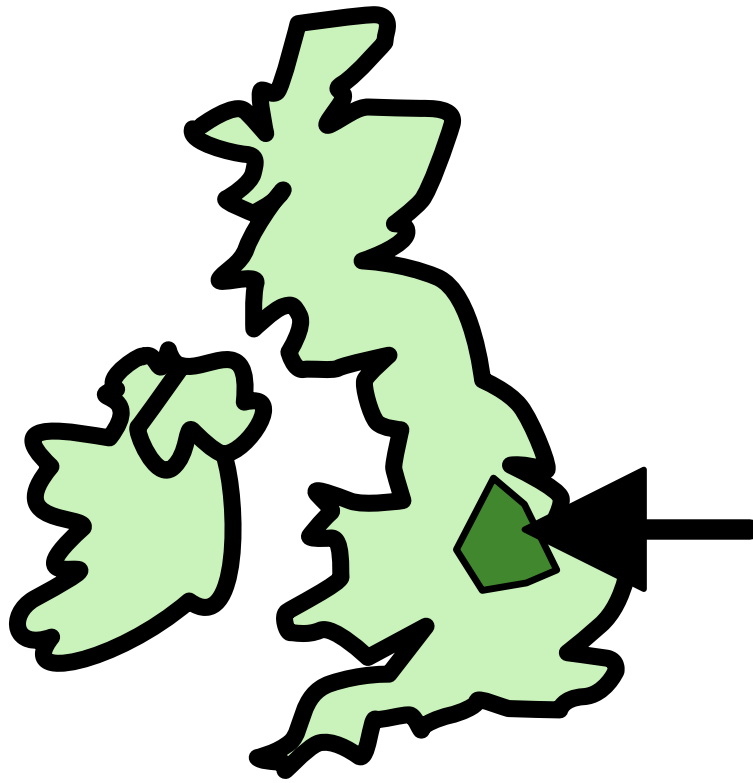


Politicians campaign for votes in an elections.

Politicians write their ideas in a manifesto.

They give out leaflets about their ideas.

Adults can vote for the politicians they prefer.

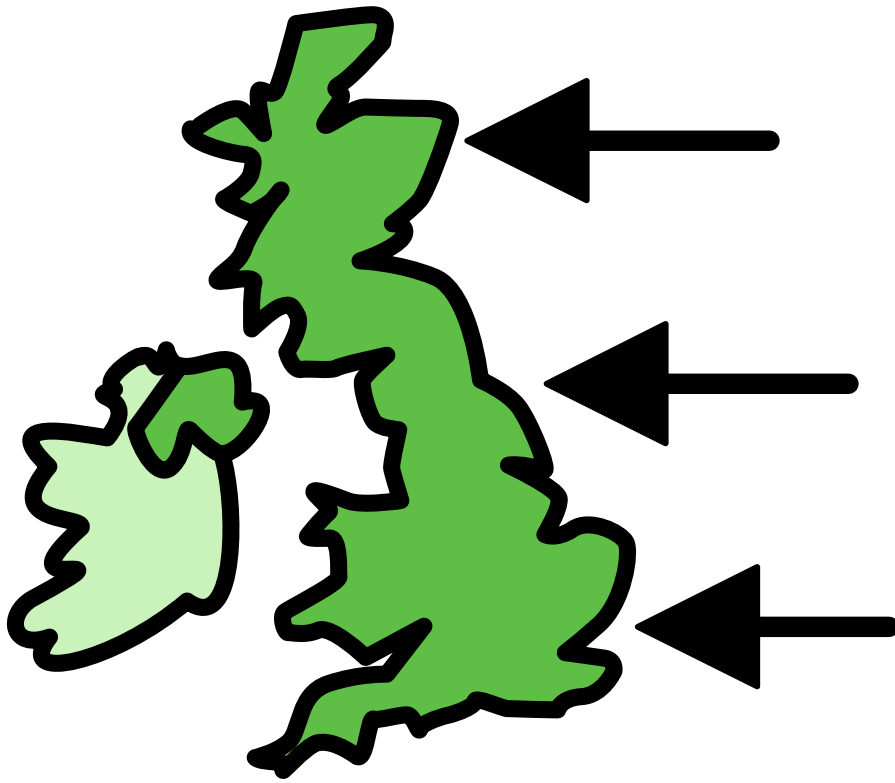


Adults can vote every four years in local elections.

A local election lets people choose their councillors.

Councillors are local politicians.

They make decisions about your local area.

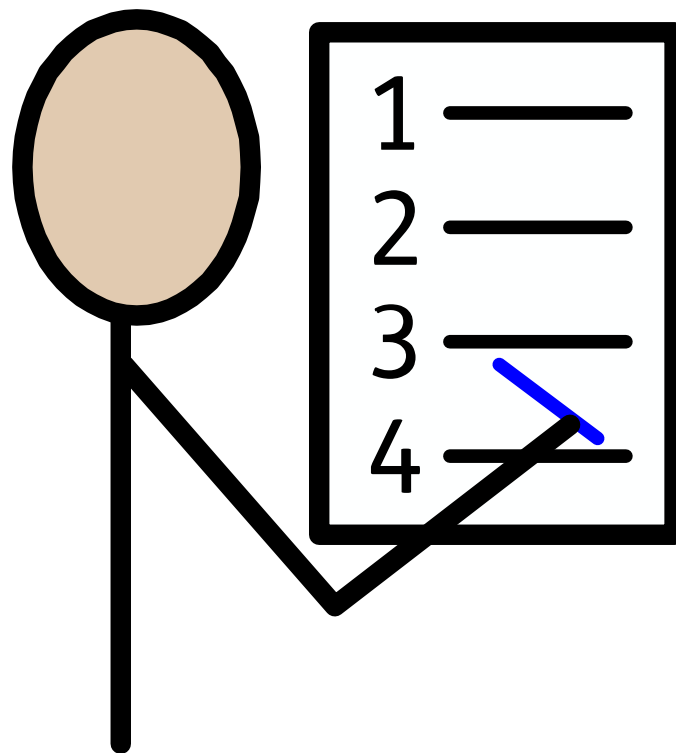


A general election lets the people choose their MP.

MP stands for Member of Parliament.

An MP represents their local area in parliament.

Parliament decides the laws for the country.

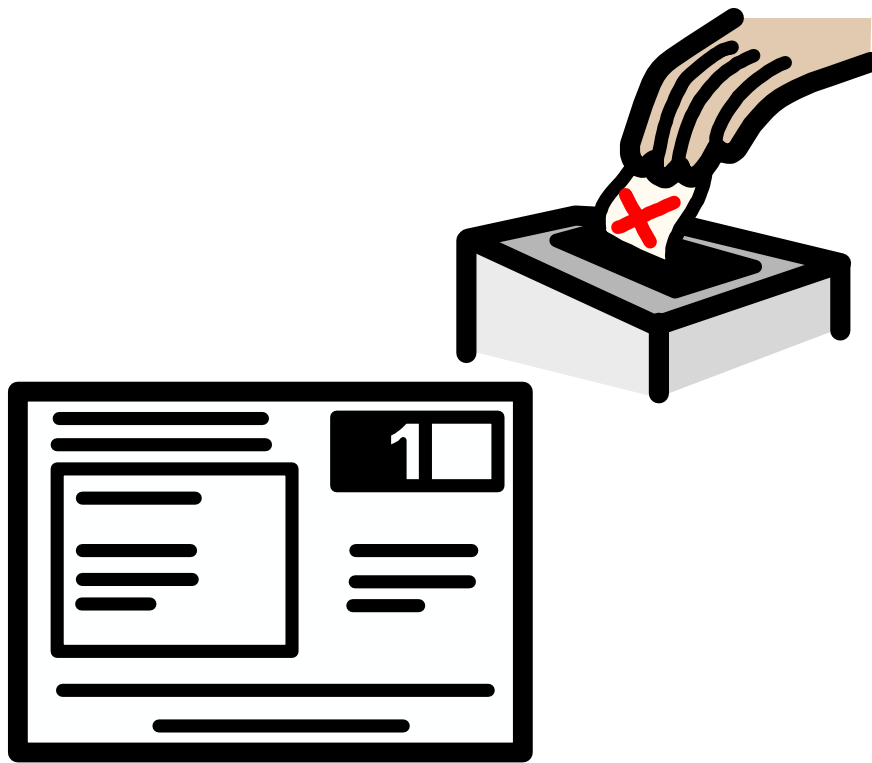


The council has a list called the electoral register.

You must register before you can vote.

You can arrange to vote by post.

The council will send out polling cards to people on the list.

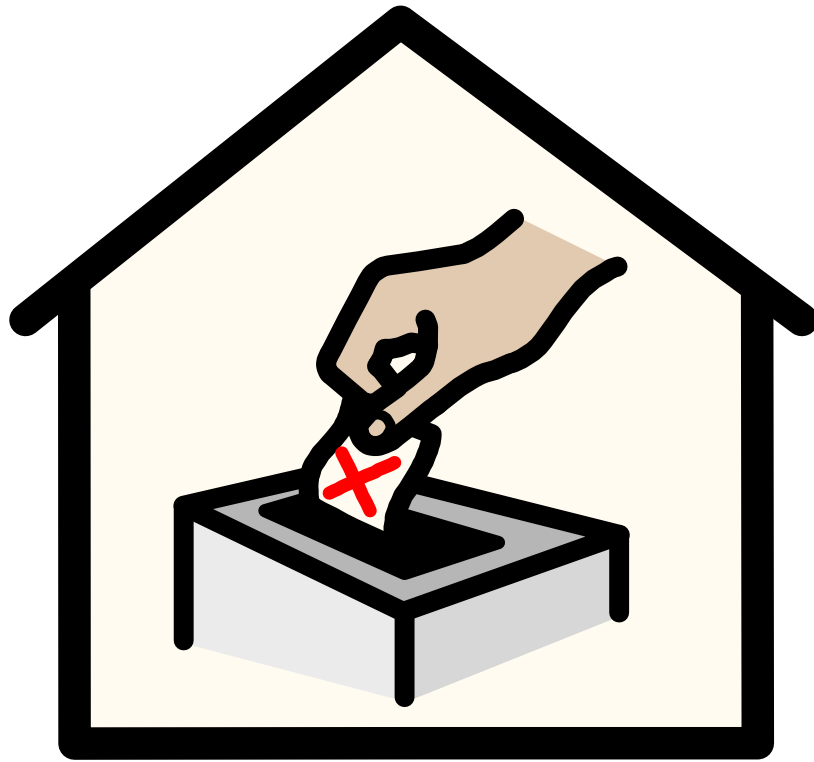


The polling card arrives in the post before an election.

The polling card has important information on it.

It has the name, address and electoral number of the voter.

It tells you when and where to vote.



On election day voters go to the polling station.

Polling stations are usually located in public buildings like schools.

At the polling station voters are given a ballot paper.

A ballot paper is a list of the politicians you can vote for.

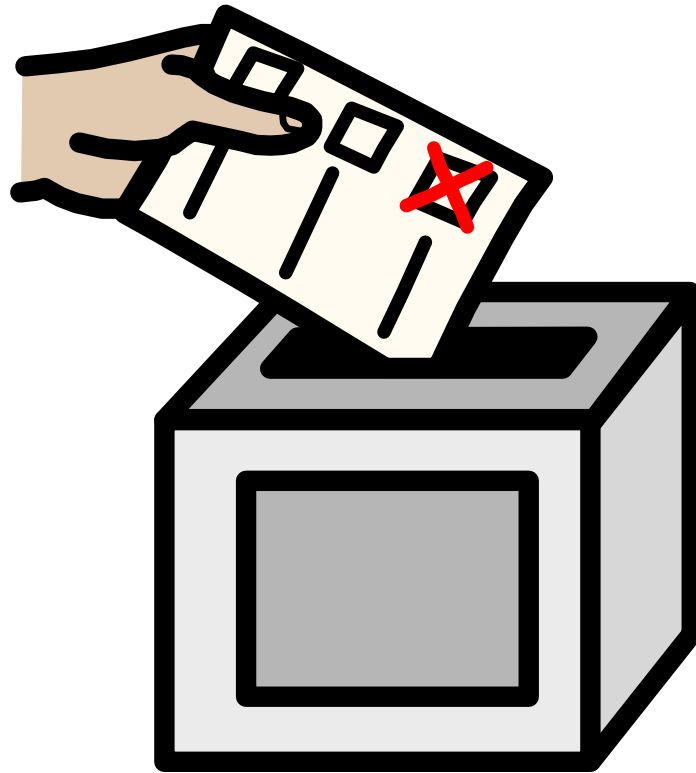
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The voter goes to a booth with the ballot paper.

They read the ballot paper.

They choose a person or political party.

They put a cross in the box by their name.

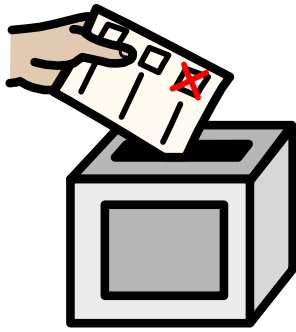


Next the voter will fold the ballot paper.

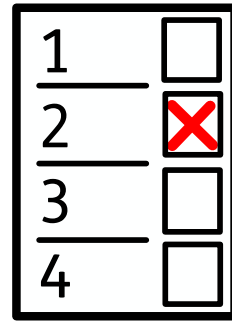
They put the ballot paper in the ballot box.

When the voting is over the ballot papers are counted.

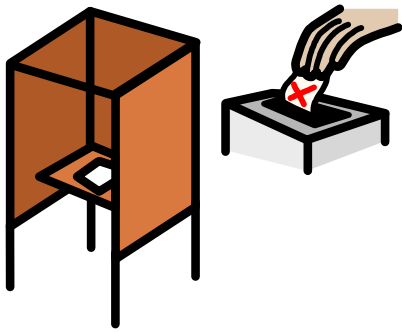
The winner is the one with the most votes.



ballot box



ballot paper



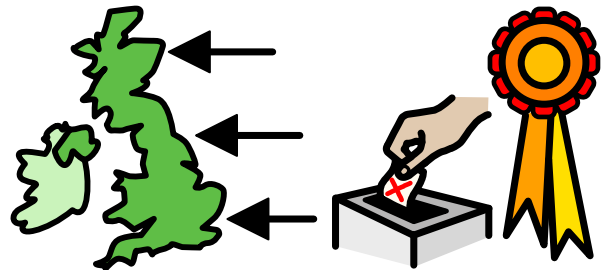
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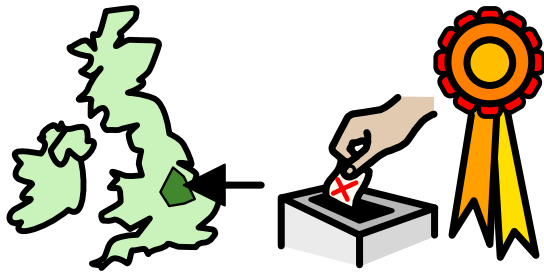
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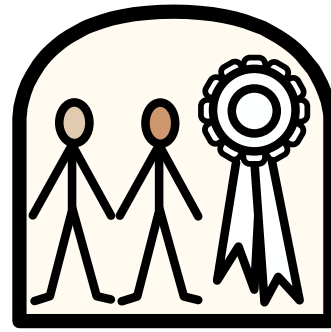
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general election



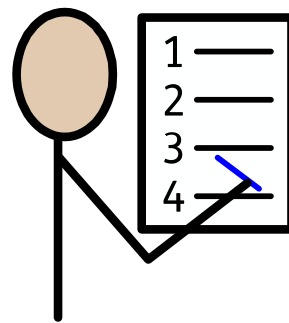
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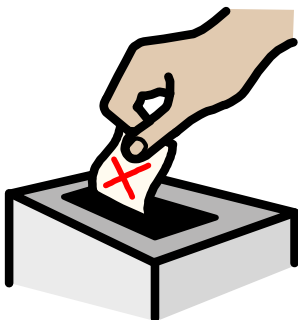
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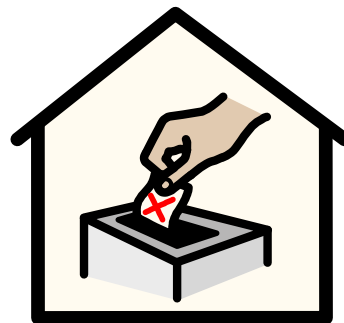
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register



vote



polling station