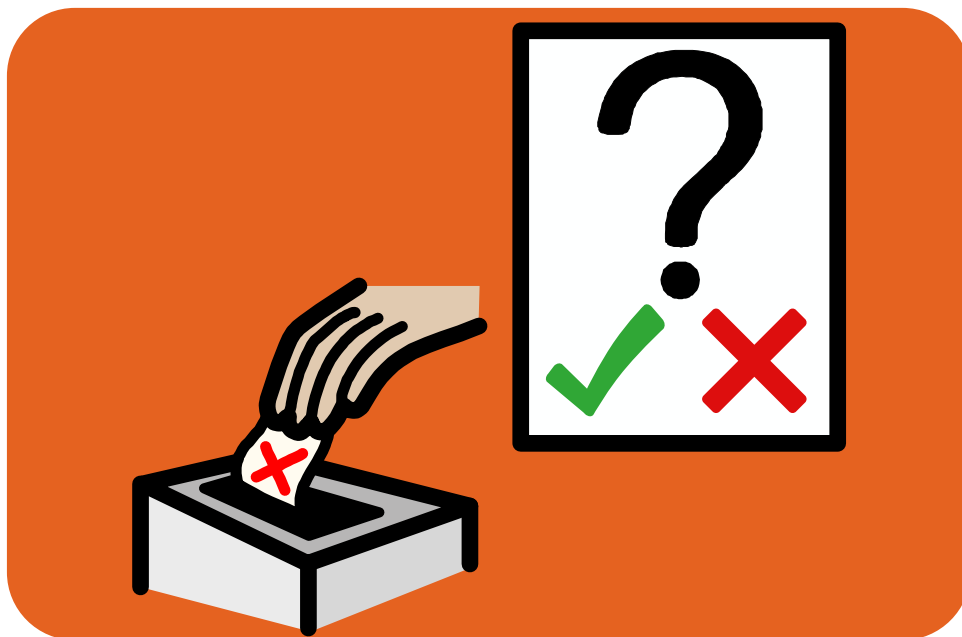


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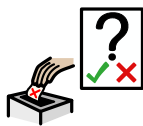
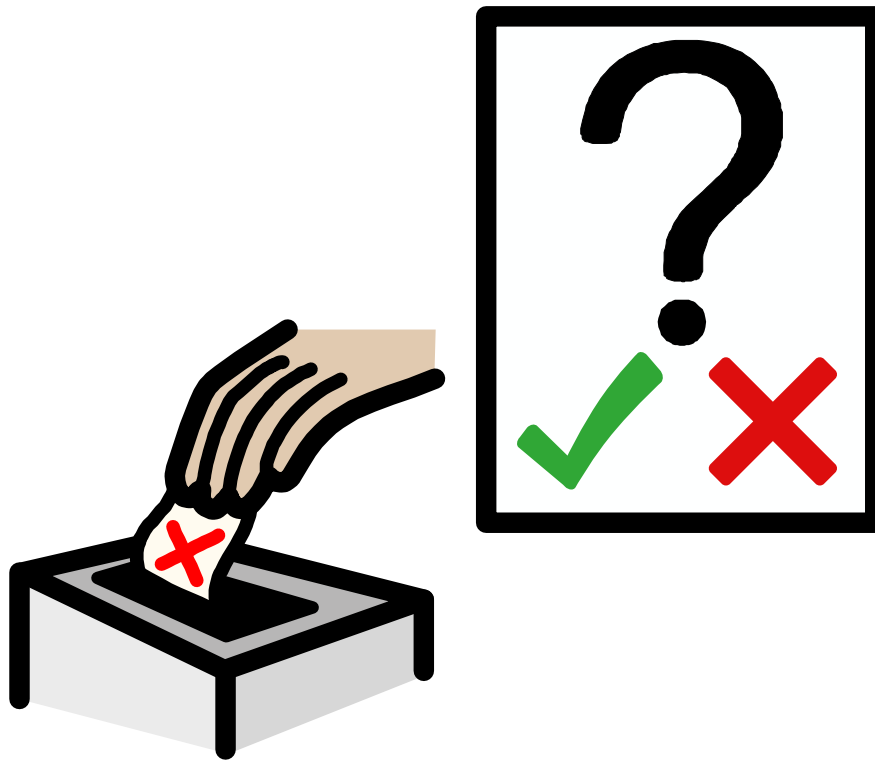
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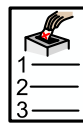
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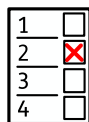
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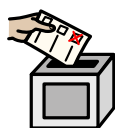
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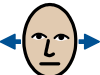
They fill in a ballot paper.





They put it in a ballot box.

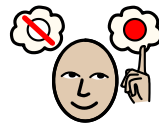
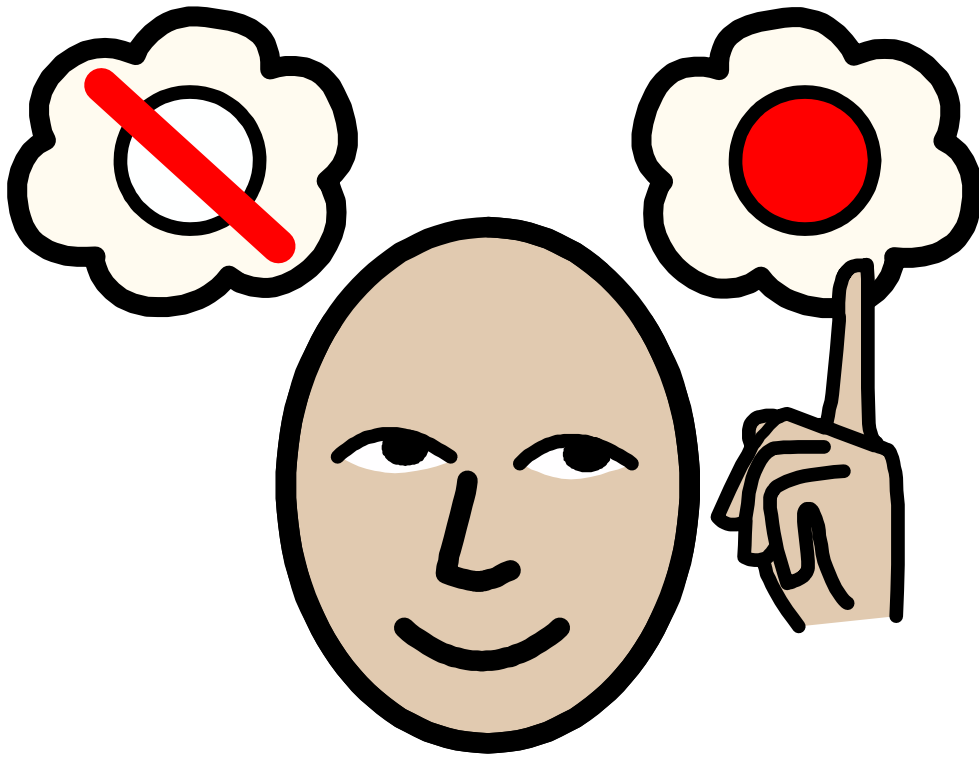



 A referendum is not a vote for a political party.


 A referendum is not a vote for a person.


 A referendum is a vote to answer a question.


 In a referendum you vote yes or no.



Sometimes a referendum is to decide a new law.



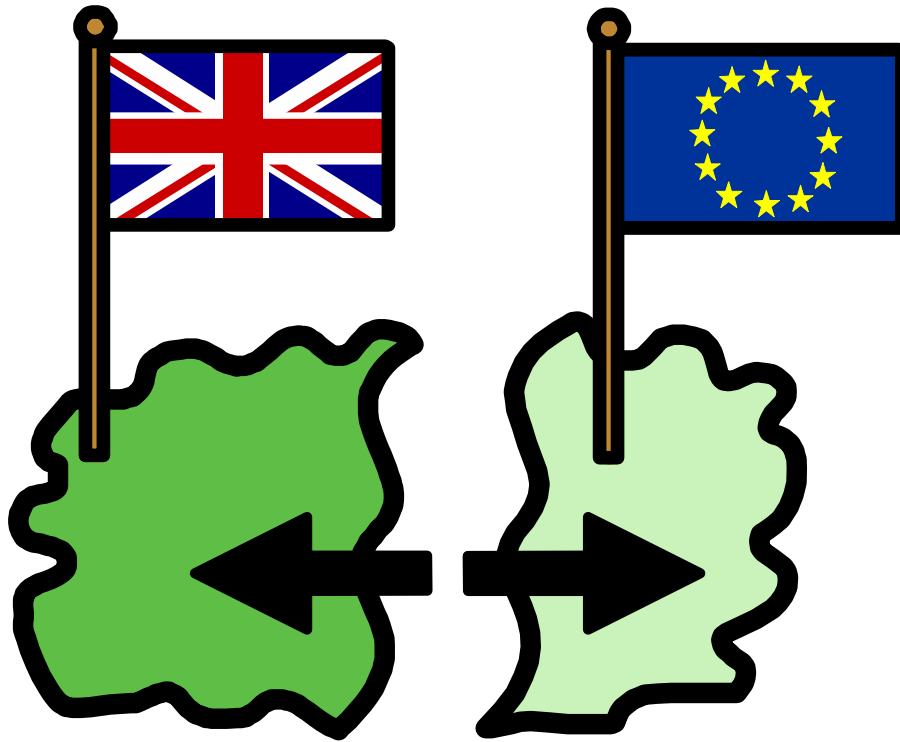
Sometimes a referendum is to decide a new rule.



Sometimes it is to decide how a country works.



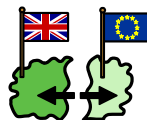
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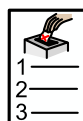
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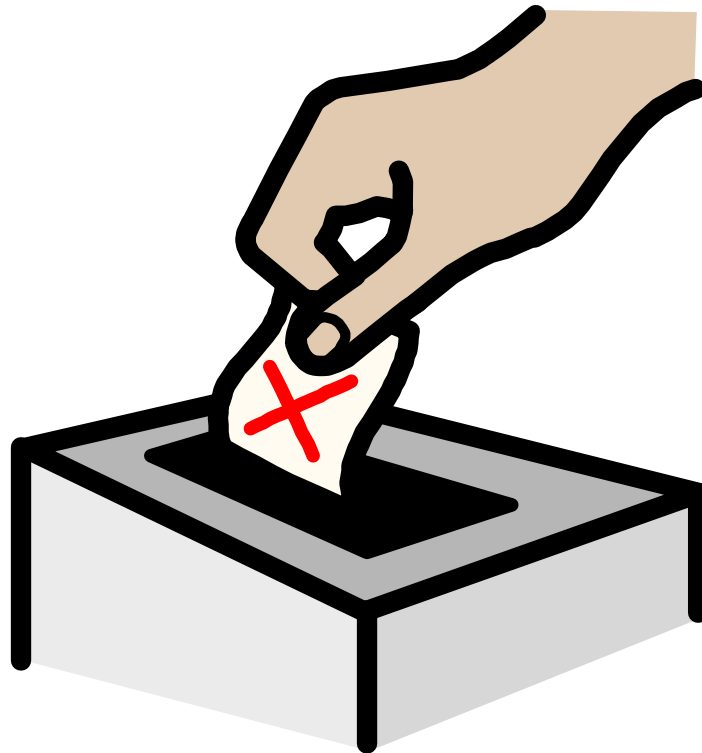
If there should be a Scottish Government.



If the UK should leave the European Union.



What sort of voting system we should have.



British, Irish and Commonwealth citizens can vote.

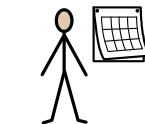


Voters

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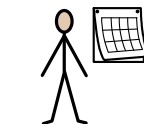
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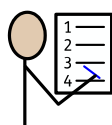
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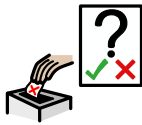
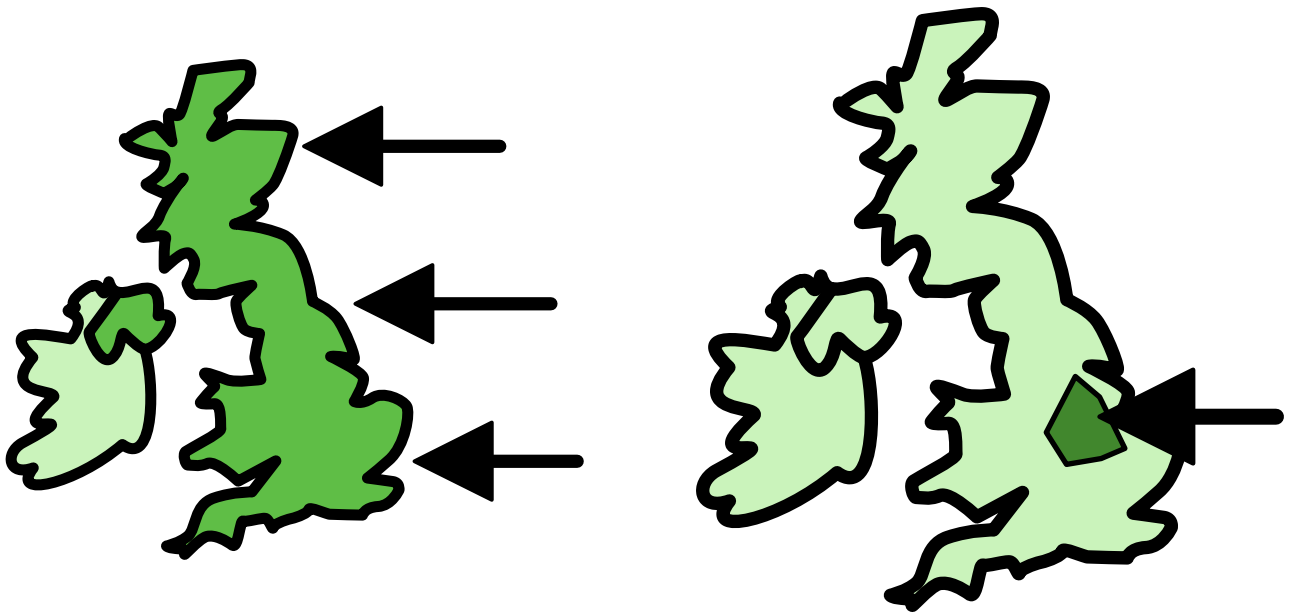
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years old.



They have to register to vote.



A referendum can be national.



A referendum can be local.

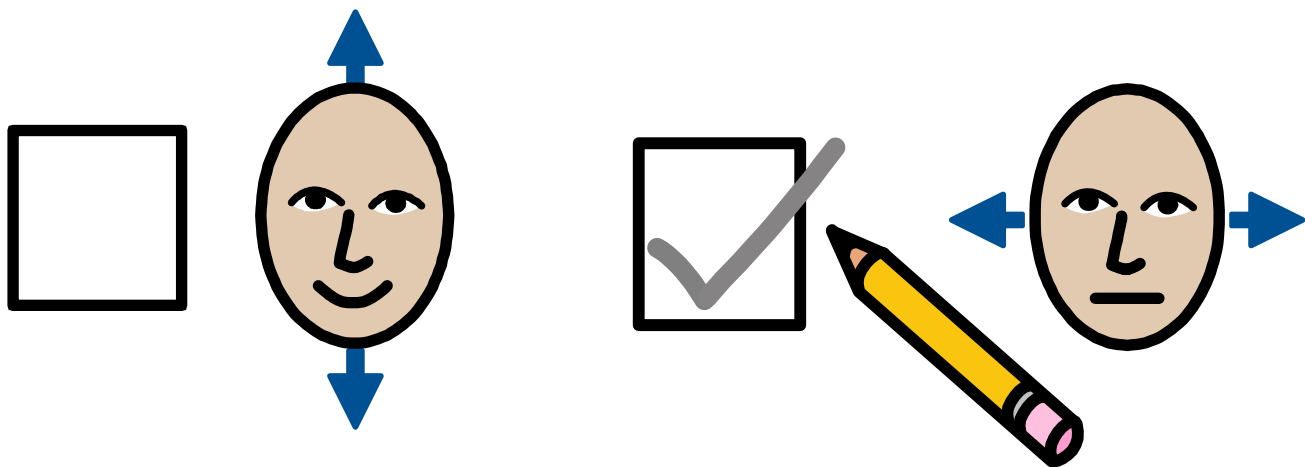


The government or council ask the question.



People get to decide what they think.



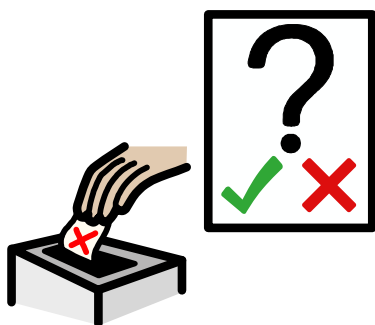


Voters choose a yes or no answer.

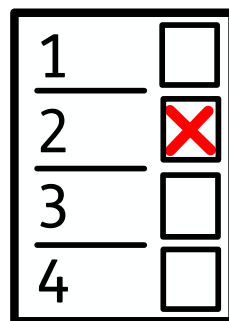
The votes are counted.

One answer will get the most votes.

That answer will win.



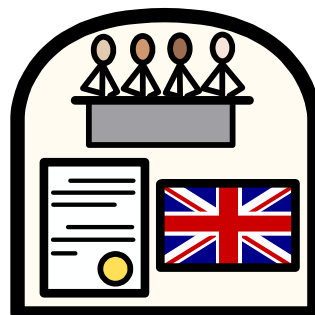
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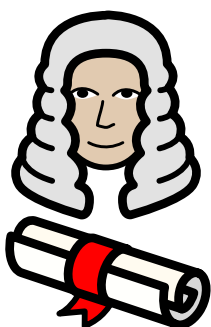
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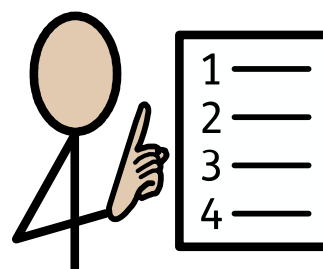
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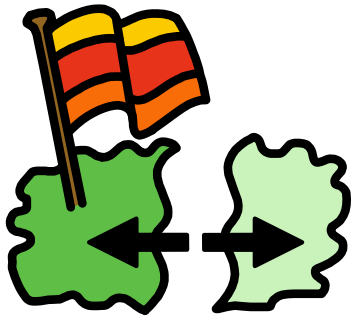
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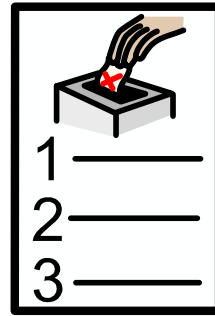
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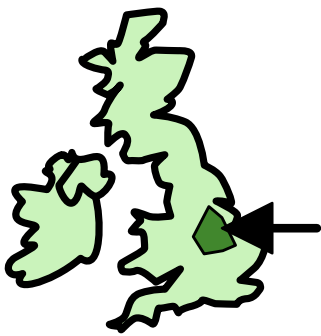
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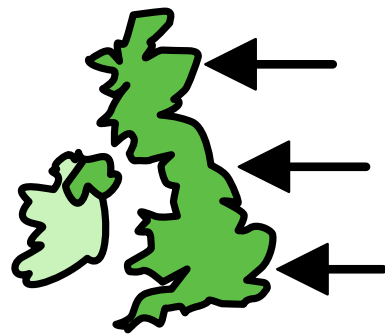
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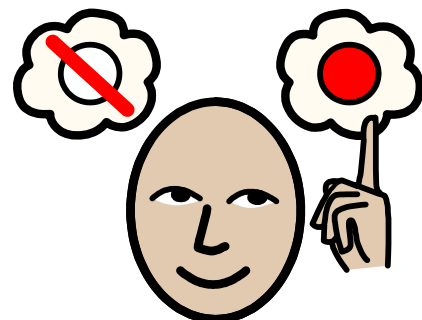
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answer question



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