

What is an Election?

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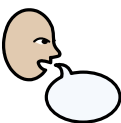


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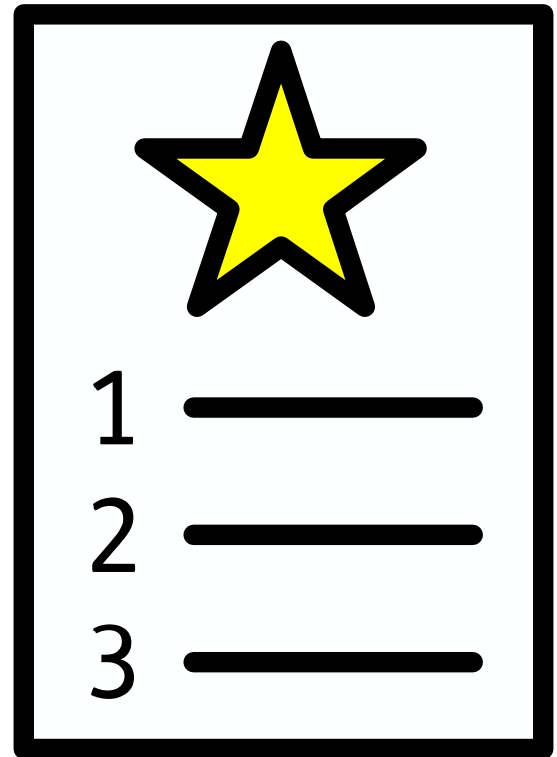
There are two types of elections.



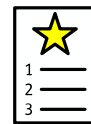
They are called  general  elections  +  local  elections.

 Political Parties  campaign  to win  votes.

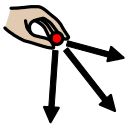
 The news  reports  on election  campaigns.



Politicians campaign for votes in an elections.



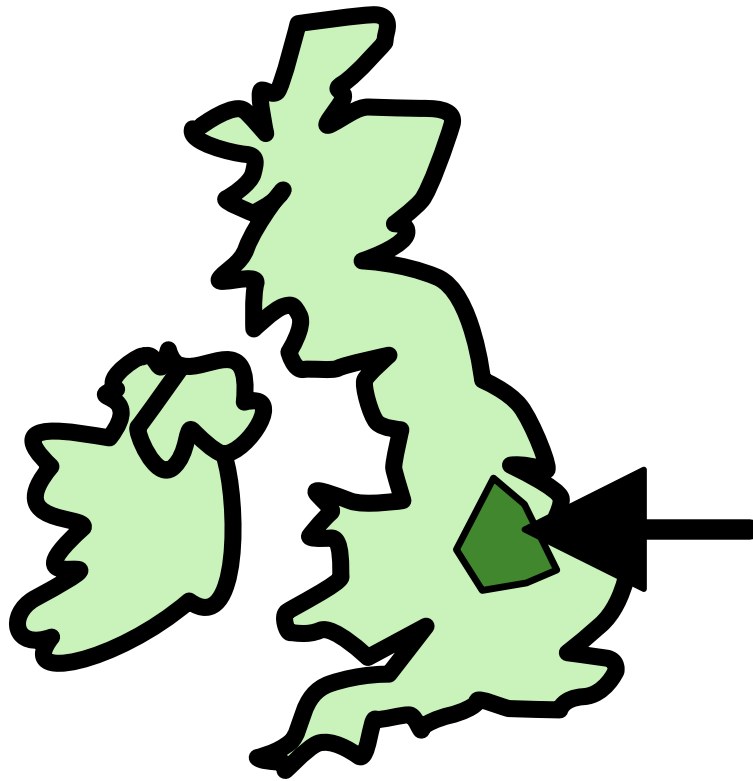
Politicians write their ideas in a manifesto.




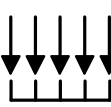












They give out leaflets about their ideas.






Adults can vote for the politicians they prefer.



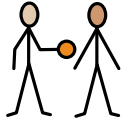



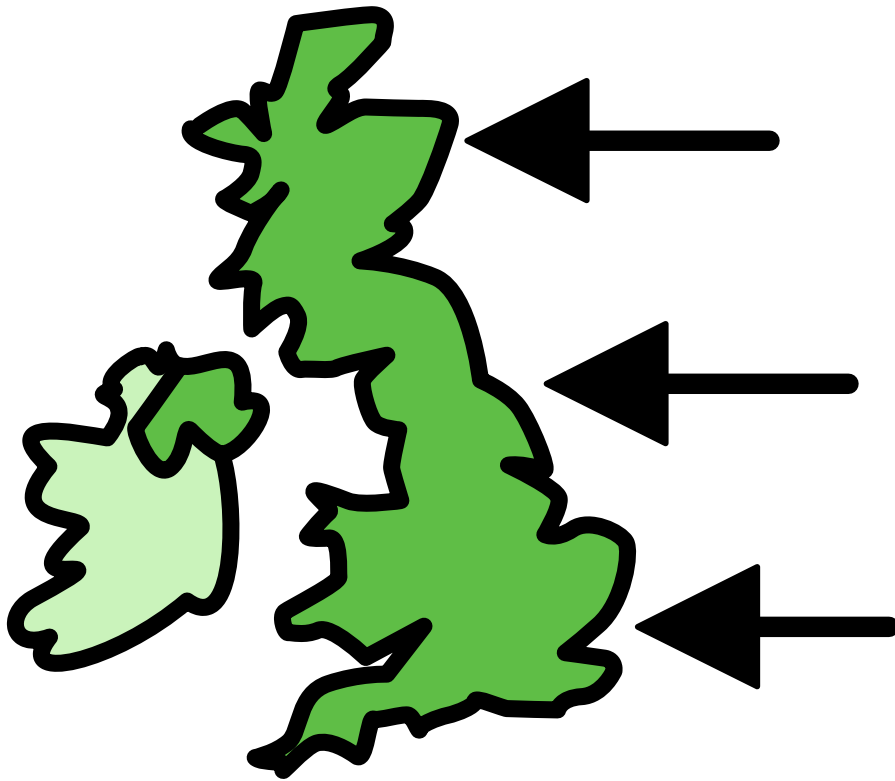
 Adults
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 in
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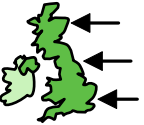





A
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 their
  councillors.


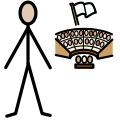
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  local
  politicians.

Councillors are local politicians.

 They
  make decisions
 about
  your
  local area.



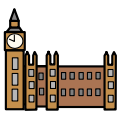









 A general election lets the people choose their MP.

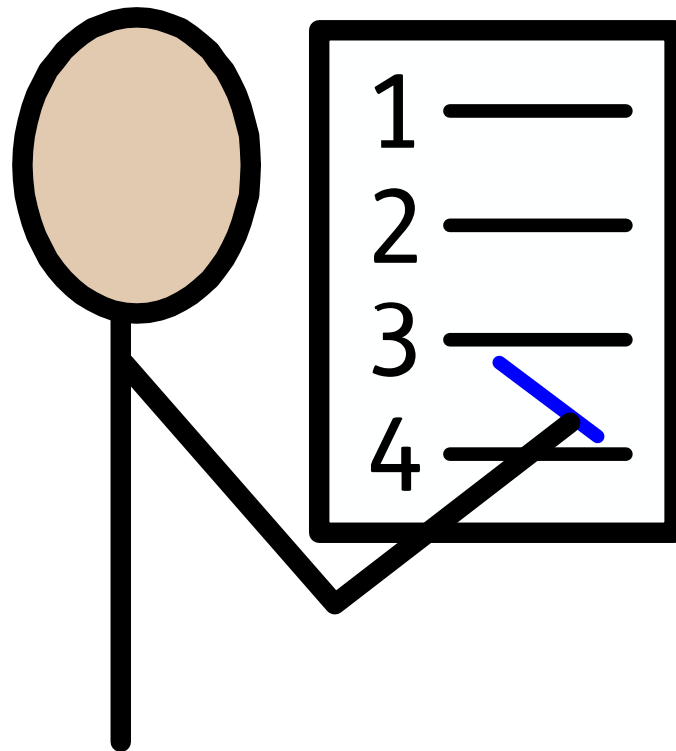

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 MP stands for Member of Parliament.






 An MP represents their local area in parliament.





 Parliament decides the laws for the country.

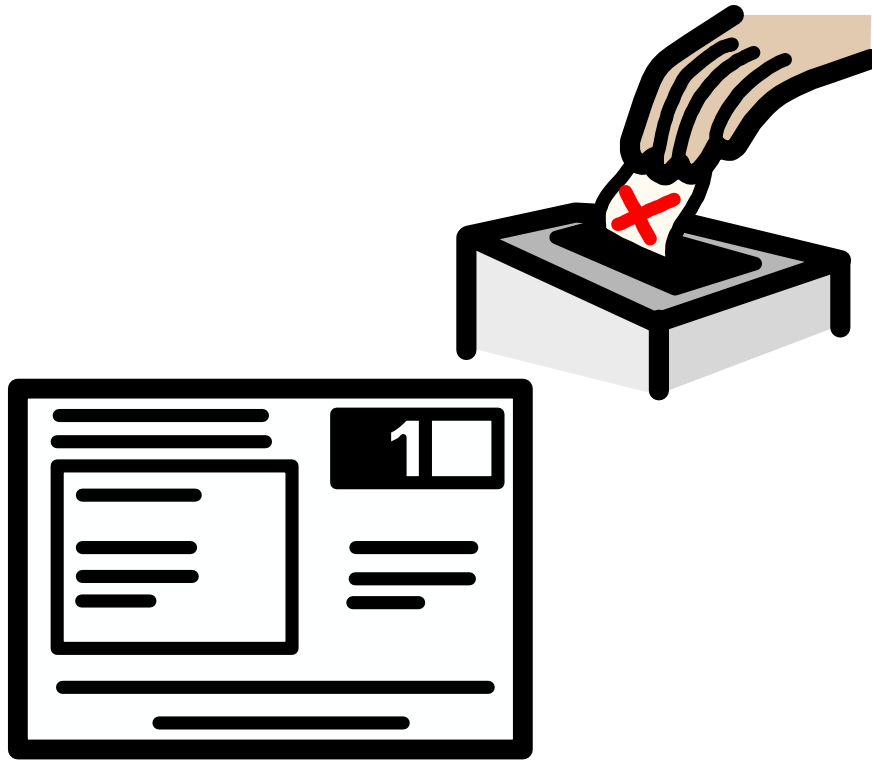


The council has a list called the electoral register.



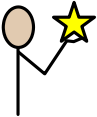

You must register before you can vote.






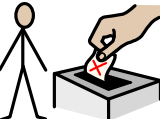
You can arrange to vote by post.

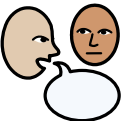




The council will send out polling cards to people on the list.

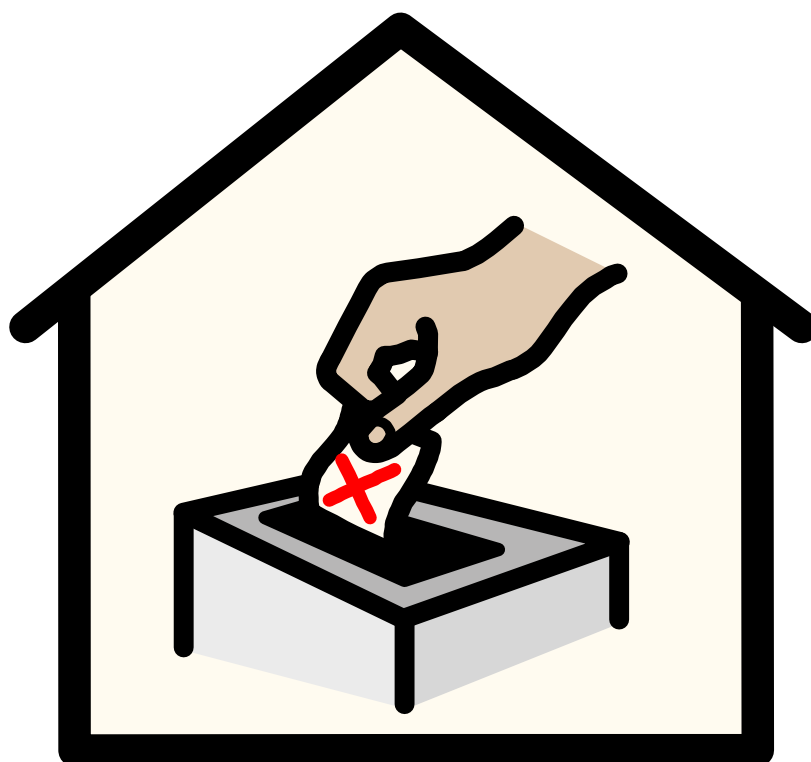



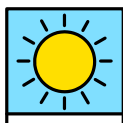




 The polling card arrives in the post
 
 before
 
 an election.
 






 The polling card has
 
 important
 
 information on it.
 





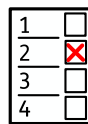

 It has the name,
 
 address
 
 and
 
 electoral
 
 number
 
 of the voter.

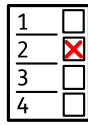
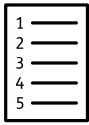




 It tells you
 
 when
 
 and
 
 where
 
 to vote.





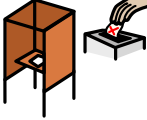
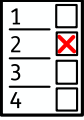





 On election day voters go to the polling station.



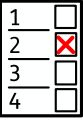

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 Polling stations are located in public buildings like schools.






 At the polling station voters are given a ballot paper.


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

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2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	<input type="checkbox"/>

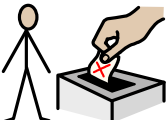

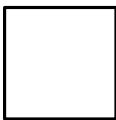






 The voter goes to a polling booth with the ballot paper.

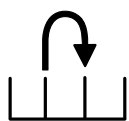
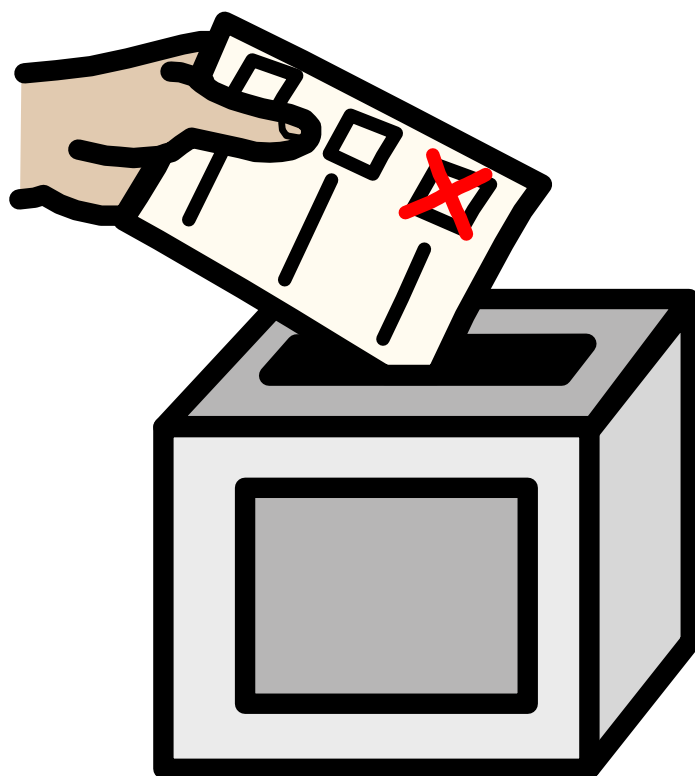



 They read the ballot paper.





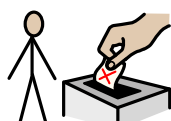
 They choose a person or political party.






 They put a cross in the box by their name.



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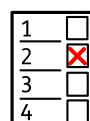


voter

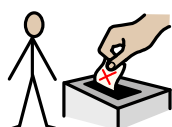
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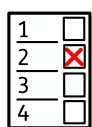
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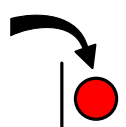
They



put



the ballot paper



into



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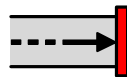


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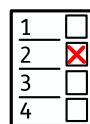
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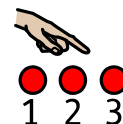


is over



the ballot papers

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are counted.



The winner

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the politician

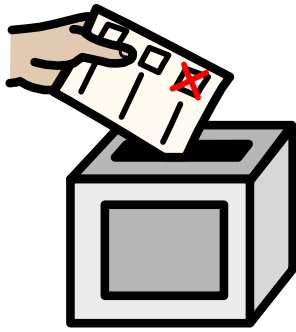
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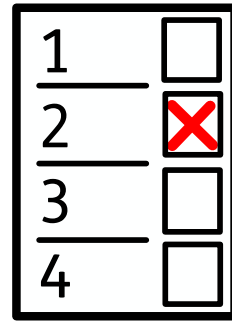
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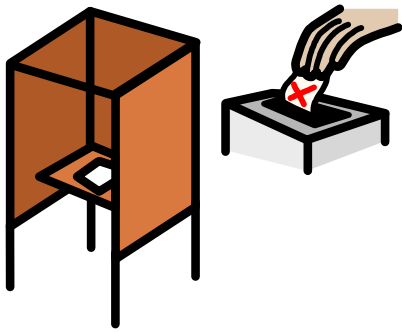
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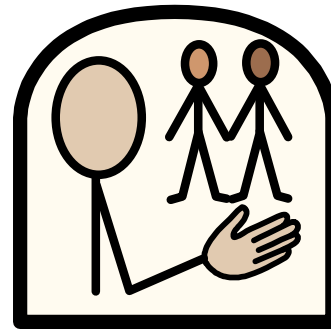
ballot box



ballot paper



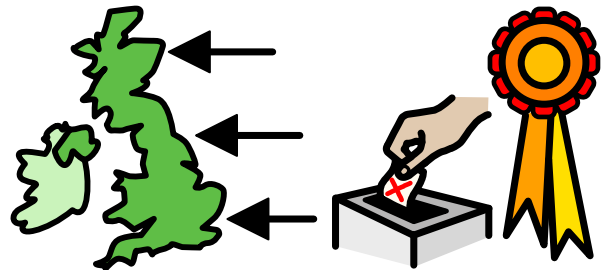
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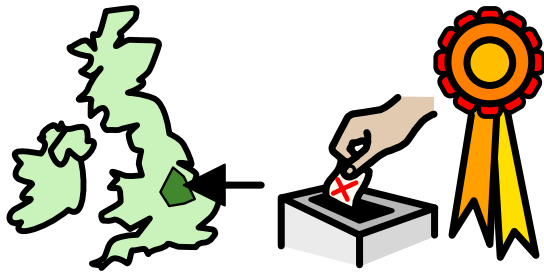
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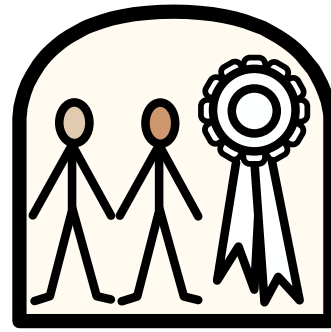
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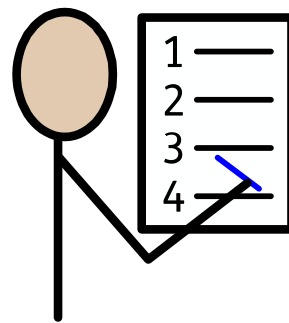
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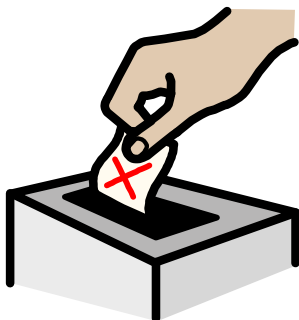
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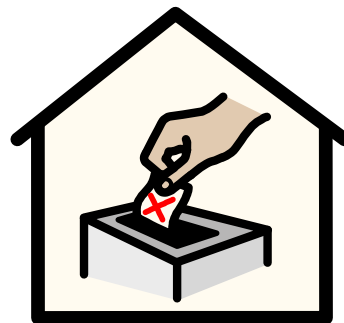
politician



register



vote



polling station