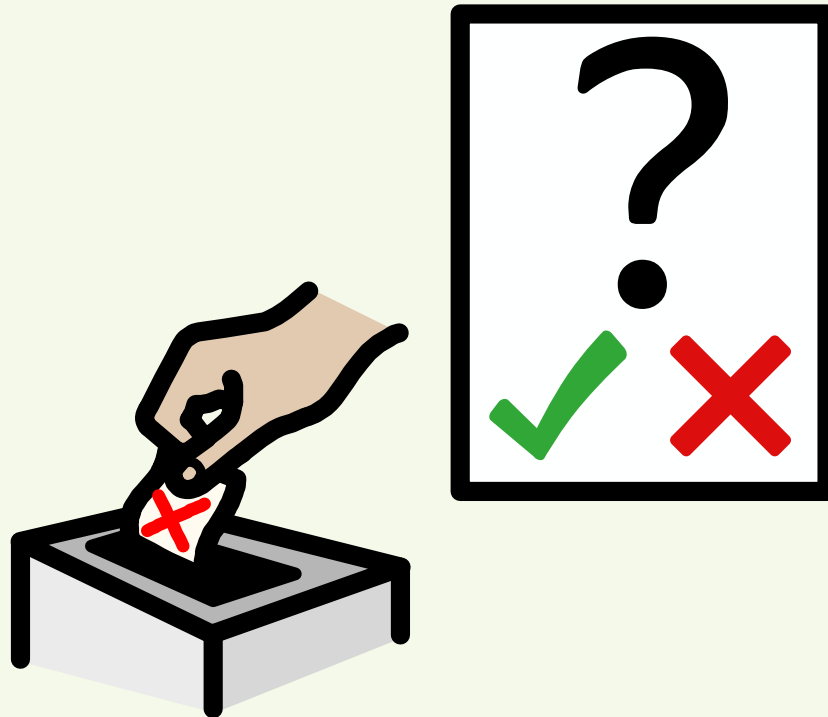
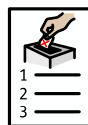
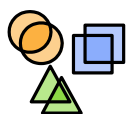
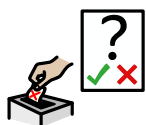
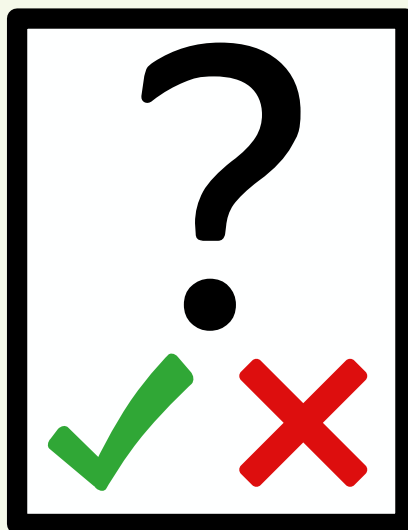
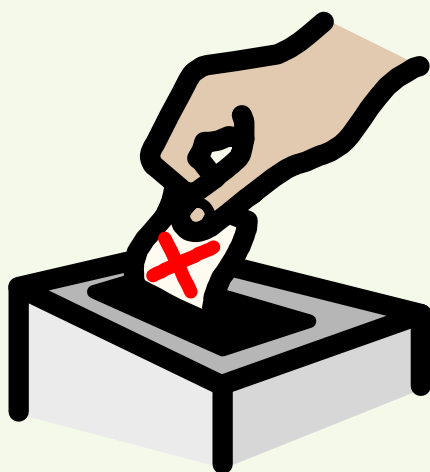




What is a Referendum?

Symbol Book

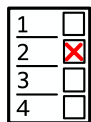
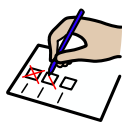




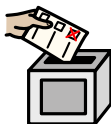
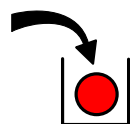
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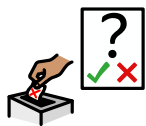
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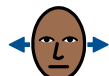
People fill in a ballot paper.



They put it in a ballot box.



A referendum



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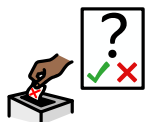


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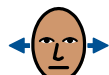
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A referendum



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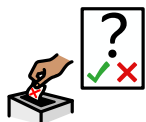


a vote

for



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A referendum



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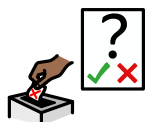


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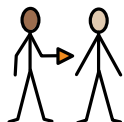
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In a referendum



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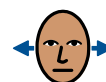


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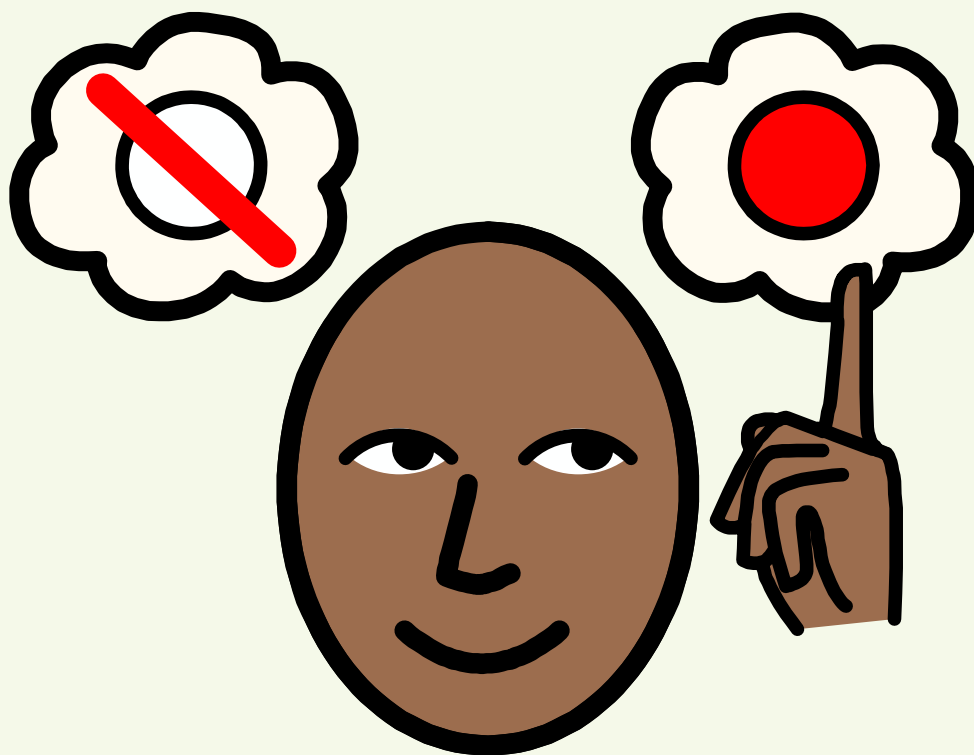


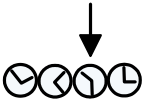
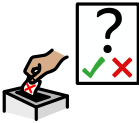
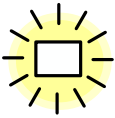
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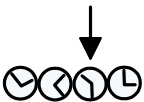
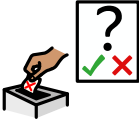
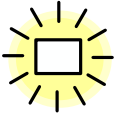
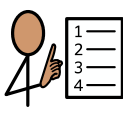
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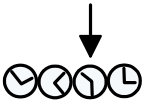


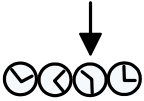
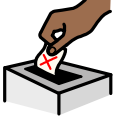
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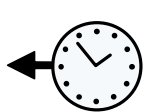
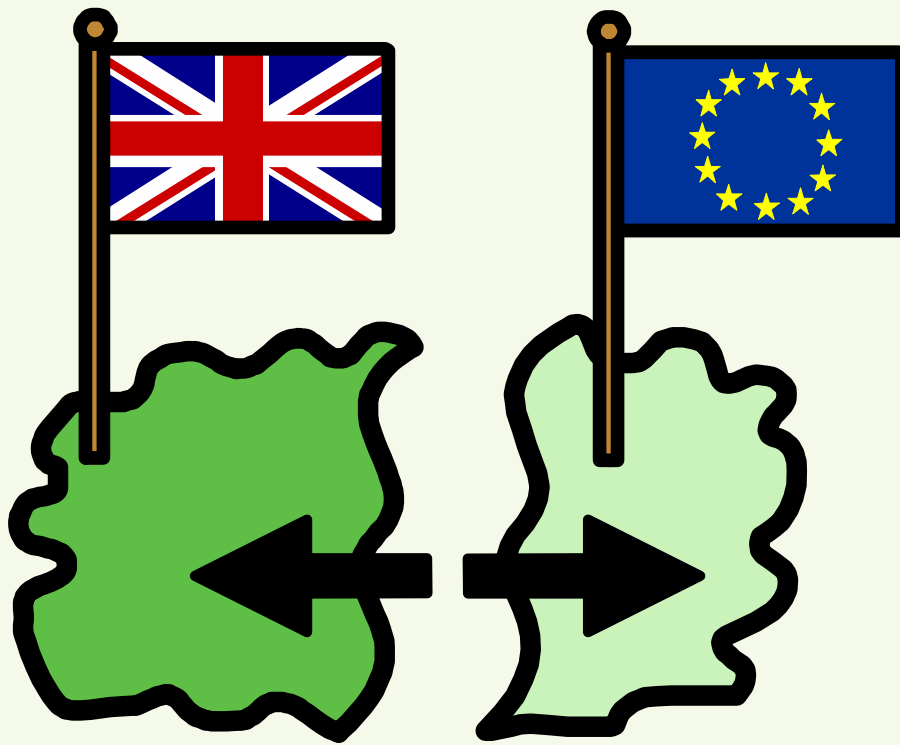


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  decide
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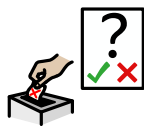
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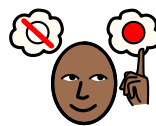
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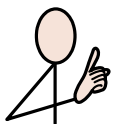
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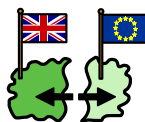
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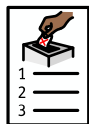
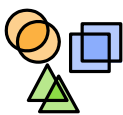
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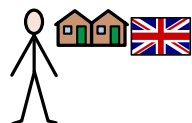
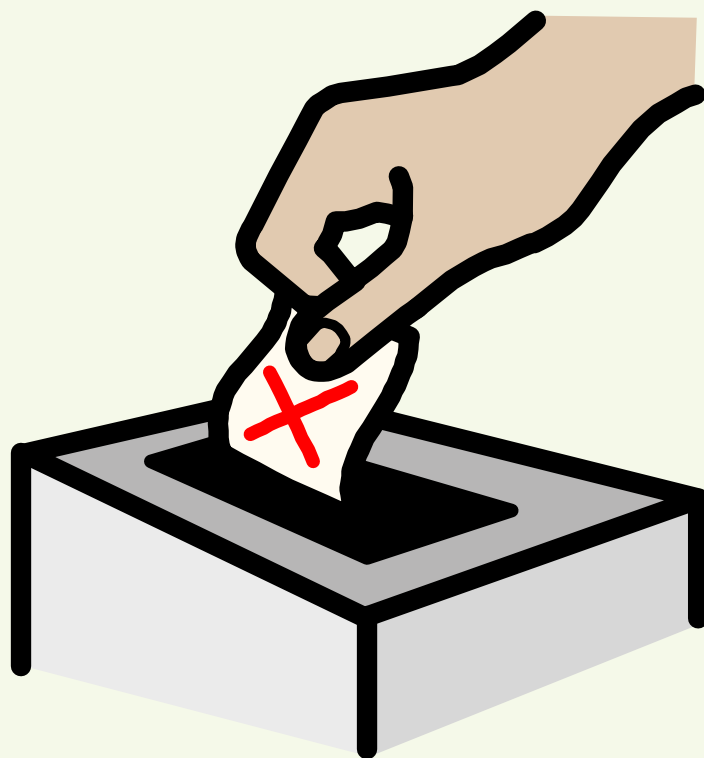
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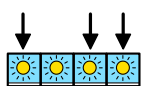
If the UK should leave the European Union.



What sort of voting system we should have.



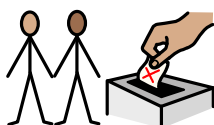
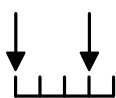
British, Irish and Commonwealth citizens can vote.



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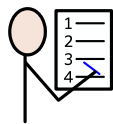
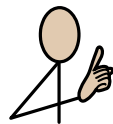
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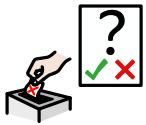
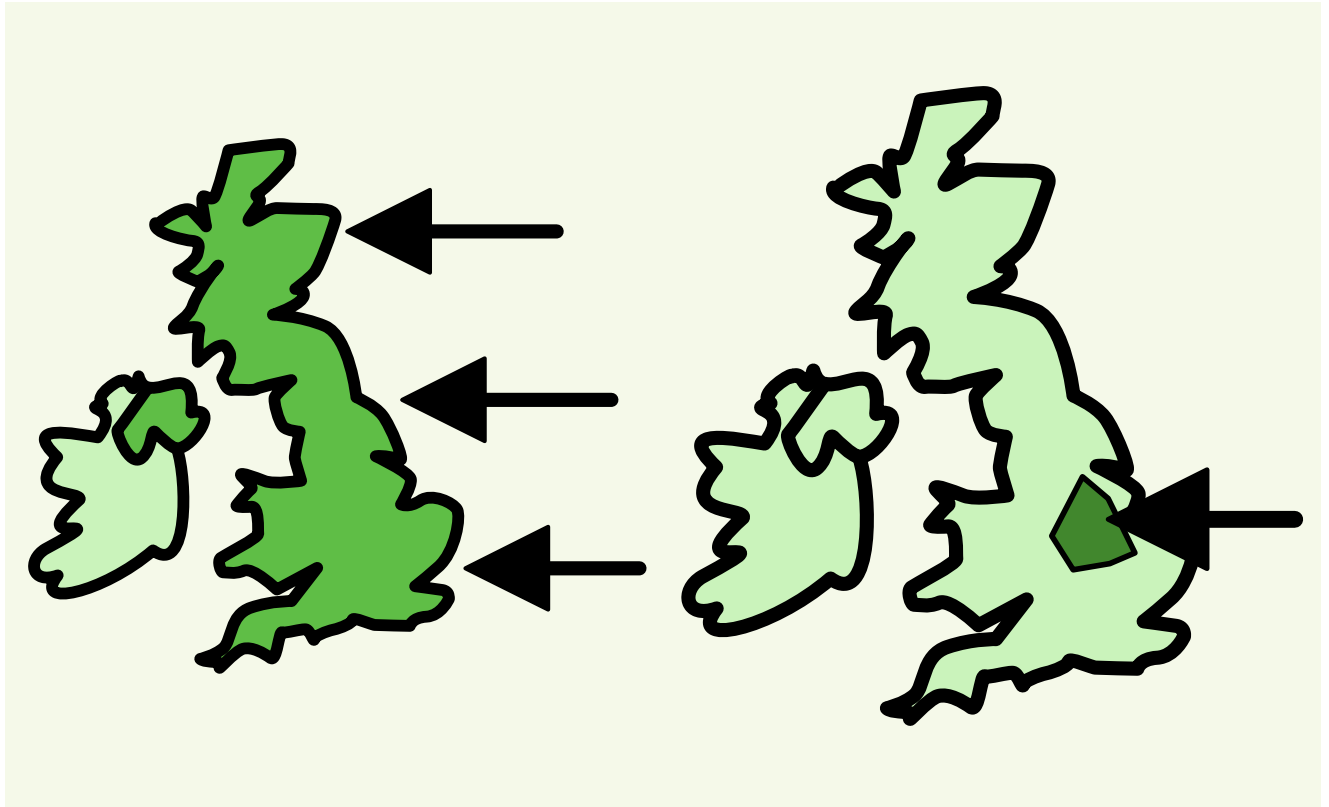
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In some places voters can be 16 years old.



Voters must register to vote.



A referendum

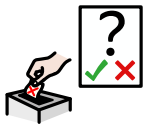


can

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A referendum



can

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The government

or



council



ask the question.



People

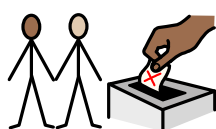
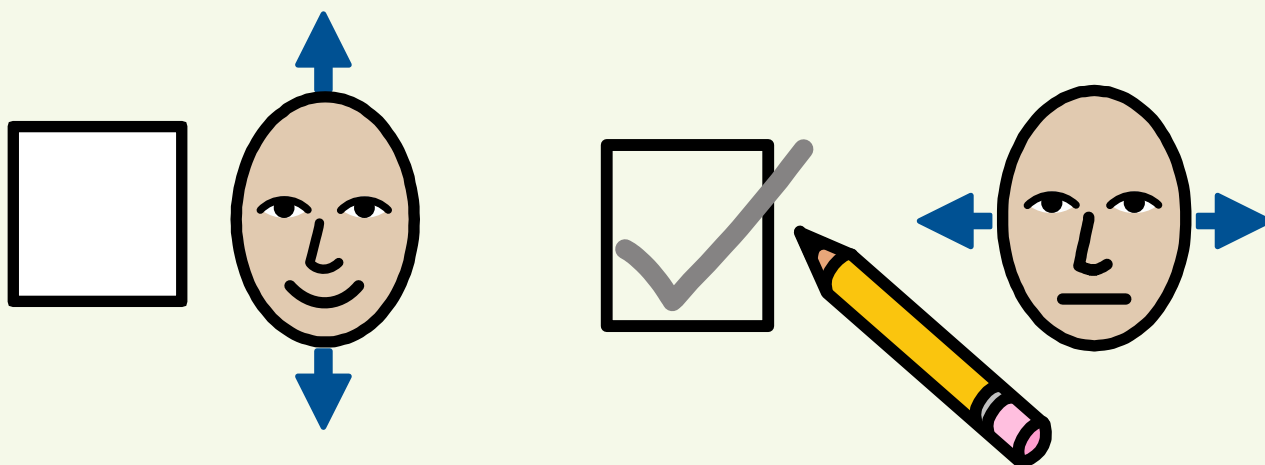


get to decide

what they



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Voters

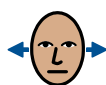


choose



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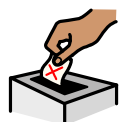
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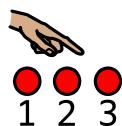


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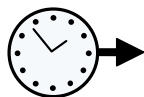
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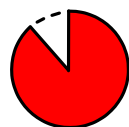
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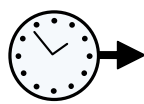
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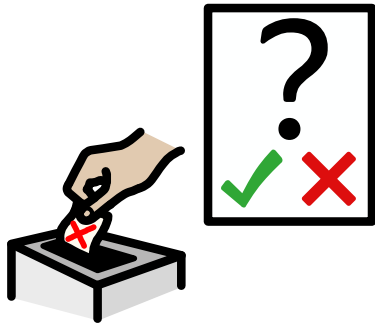
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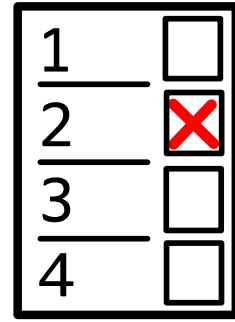
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referendum



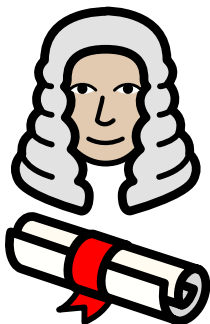
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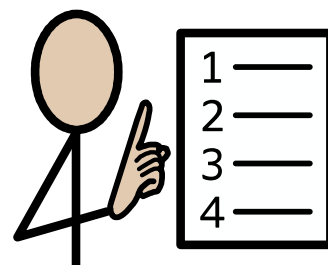
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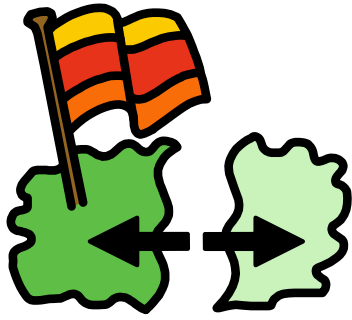
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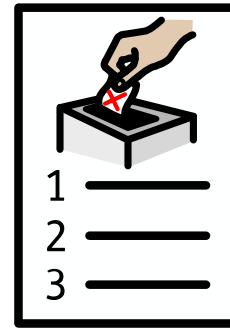
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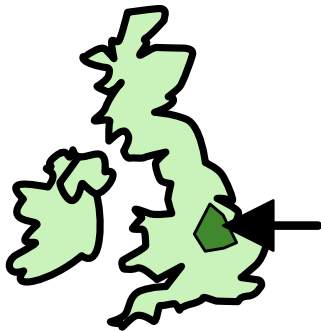
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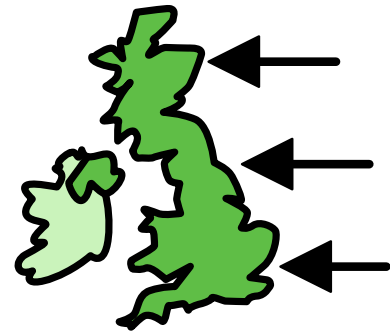
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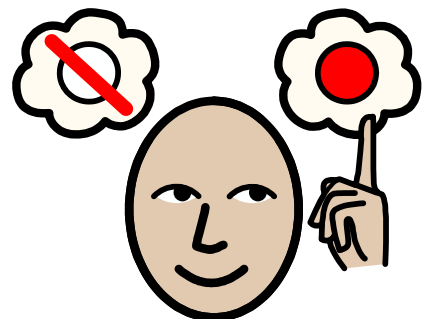
local



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answer question



decide