

VOCABULARY

DEMOCRACY

A democracy can be described as “rule by the people”. In a country with a democracy, people are given the right to vote for who they want to represent them in the government.

BALLOT PAPER

In an election each person’s vote is private and the form they fill out to make their choice is called a ballot paper.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A local government looks after many things in your local area, such as rubbish collection, local swimming pool, the parks and footpaths.

CONSTITUTION

A constitution is a set of rules which explains how something should be run. Lots of different groups can have a constitution, from local sporting clubs to whole countries.

VOTING

Voting is when everyone has a say so people can make decisions as a group.

ELECTIONS

In an election people who have the right to vote (people who are aged 18 years and older and enrolled to vote) decide on who they want to make decisions on their behalf, in the government.

GOVERNMENT

A government is a group of people who make laws and run the country, state or local area.

MAYOR

A Mayor is the leader of a local government.

RULES

Rules are a way of behaving that is agreed to by people involved in an activity or belonging to a group.



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