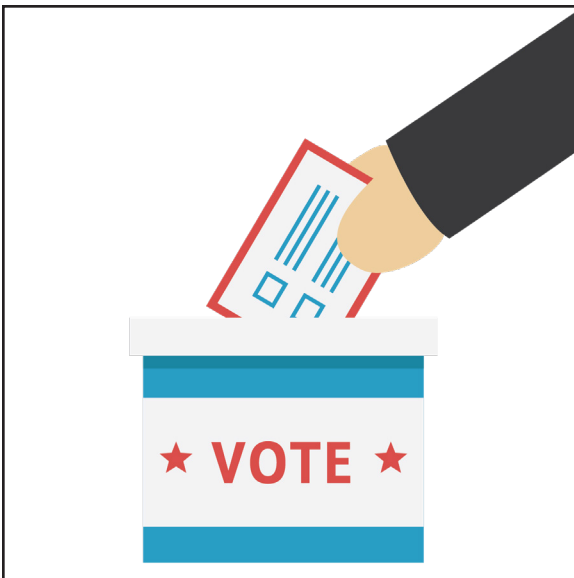


Why Voting Matters

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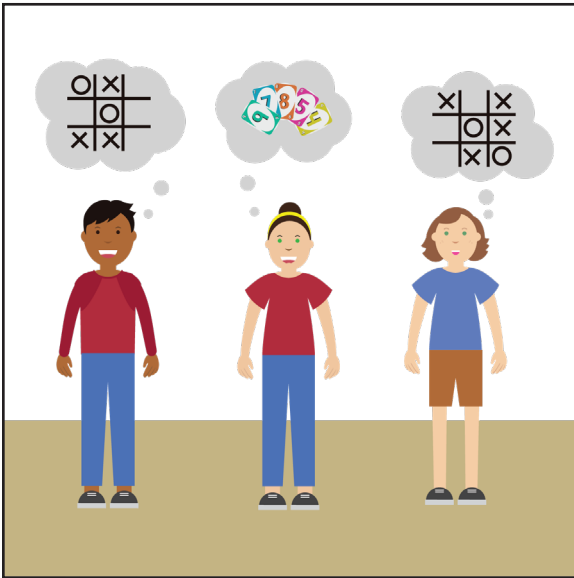


Voting is an important process that adults participate in during an election. Even if I am not old enough to vote yet, I can learn about the voting process. This is important so that I know what to do and what to expect when I am old enough to vote.



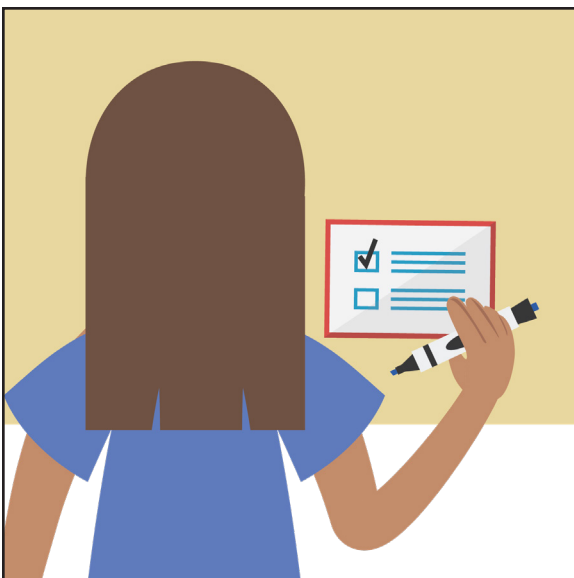
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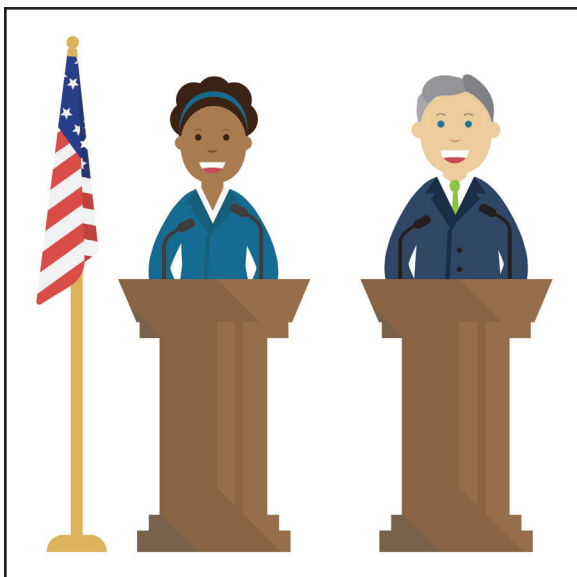
Voting is one way that a group of people can make a decision together. For example, if my friends and I are trying to decide which game to play together, we can vote between two games. The game that gets the most votes wins! This means that we will play the winning game, even if some friends voted for a different game.

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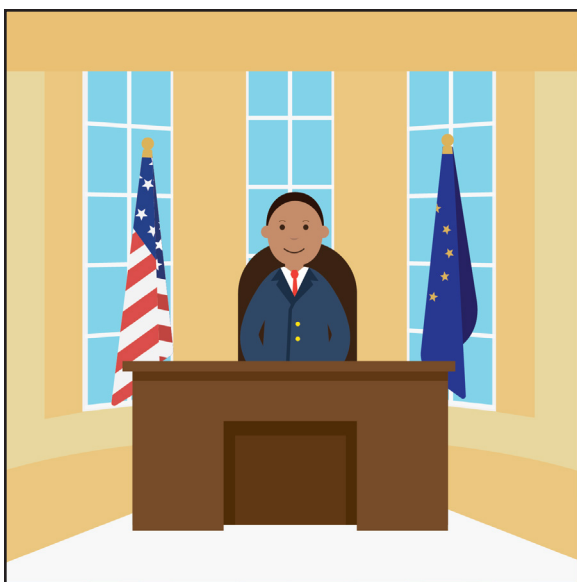
During an election, voting is a way for people to express what they want, what they believe in, and what changes they want to happen. By voting, they are supporting people, decisions, and actions that they believe in. This is why voting is so important!

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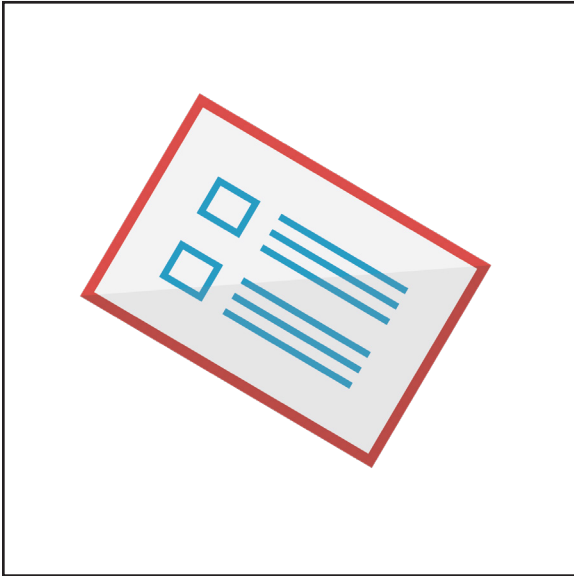
An election is when adult citizens, or people who live in a certain country, vote to choose new leaders. These leaders are called candidates. When a candidate wins an election, they become an elected official.

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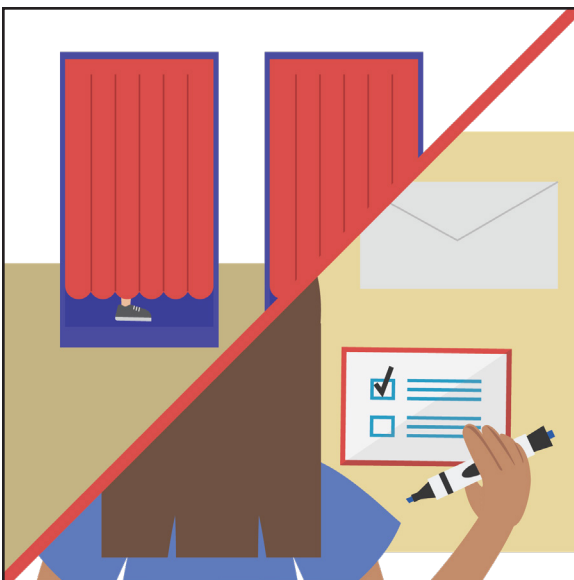
Some examples of elected officials in the United States are mayors, governors, senators, and the president. These are people who make a lot of important decisions and rules for their country and the people in it. This is why adults vote—they want to elect leaders who have the same beliefs and who want to make the changes that are important to them.

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Voting can be done in different ways and depends on where we live. In the United States, people vote by filling out a ballot. A ballot lists all of the candidates people can vote for. Ballots are turned in and counted on Election Day.

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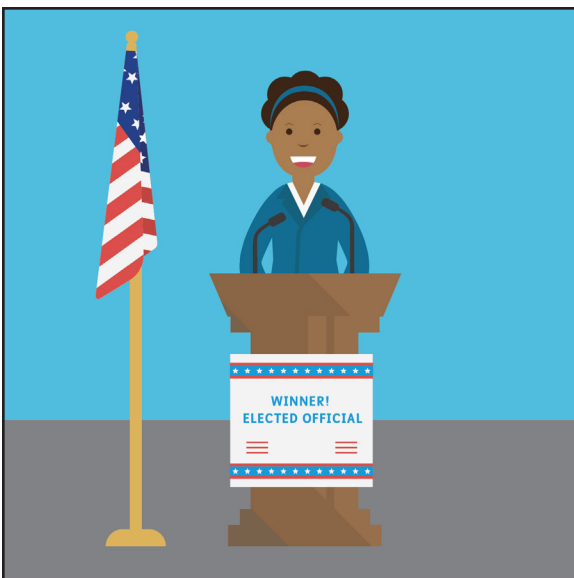
Some people vote at a special location on Election Day called a polling place, where they fill out their ballot and turn it in to a ballot box. Other people complete their ballot at home ahead of Election Day, and then send it in the mail to be counted. Other countries may have different ways to vote than the United States.

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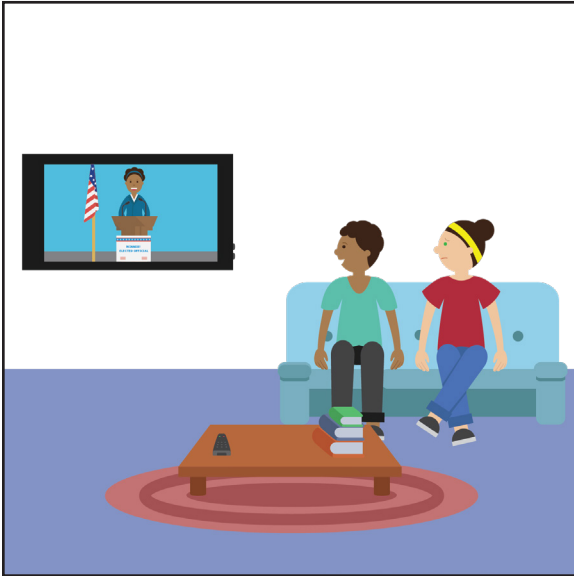
After everyone votes, a special team of people count the votes for each candidate. Sometimes it takes a long time to count the votes, but that is okay. I can be patient!

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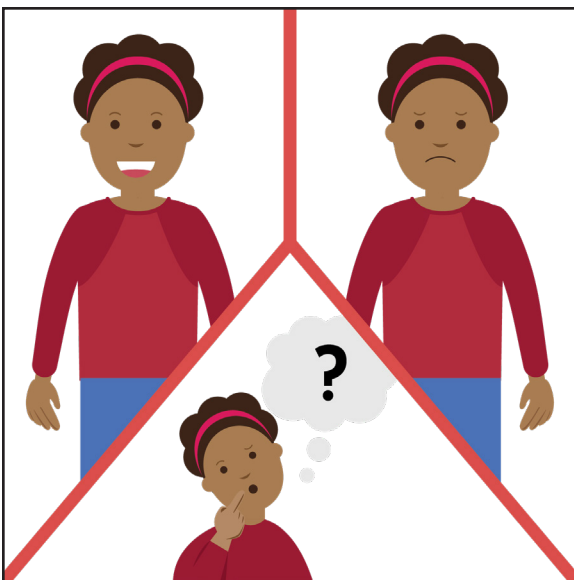
Once all the votes are counted, the winning candidates are announced. The winners become elected officials, but they don't always start their new positions right away. For example, in the United States, even though the presidential election happens in November, the elected president doesn't begin to lead the country until January.

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The adults around me may have different reactions to the election results. Some adults will be happy about the results. Some adults will be sad, frustrated, or angry. Some adults may feel a different way. It is okay for everyone to feel whatever emotions they have, as long as they are safe.

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The election results may make me feel different emotions, too. I might be happy. I might be sad or angry. I might be confused. All of these feelings are okay, as long as I am safe. I can stay calm and ask for help when I need it.

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Even if I am too young to vote, I can still be involved. I can learn from my family and friends about the election. I can ask questions if I want to know more about the candidates. I can let the adults in my life know what is important to me and what changes I want to happen in my own country. My opinion is important, and voting is too!

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