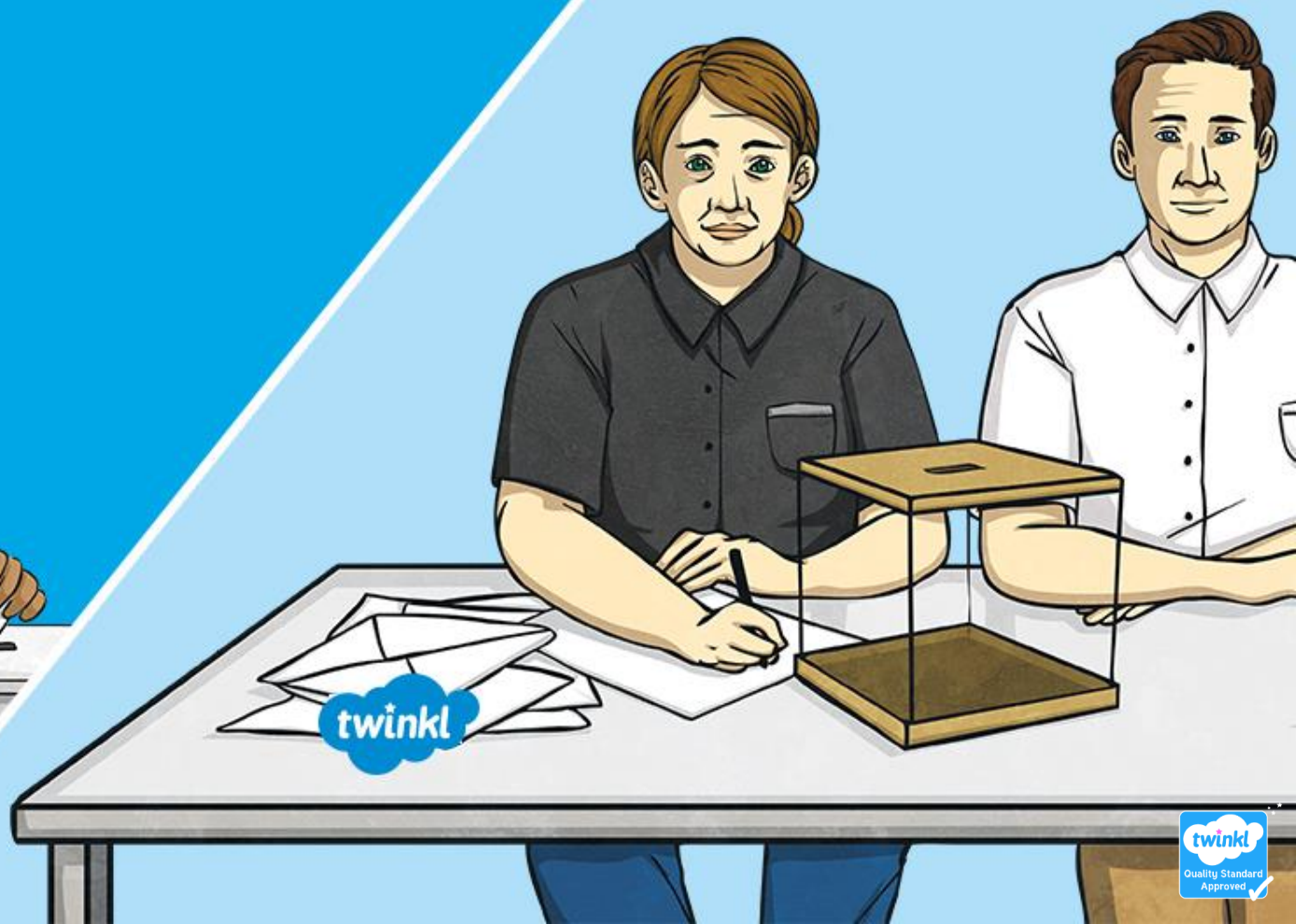




PSHE and Citizenship

Wider World | Britain

Democracy



Aim

- I can talk about what democracy is and understand why it is important.

Success Criteria

- I can appreciate that everyone has human rights.
- I can answer questions about democracy.
- I can show empathy for situations where people are not living in a democracy.

The Big Questions



What is
democracy?

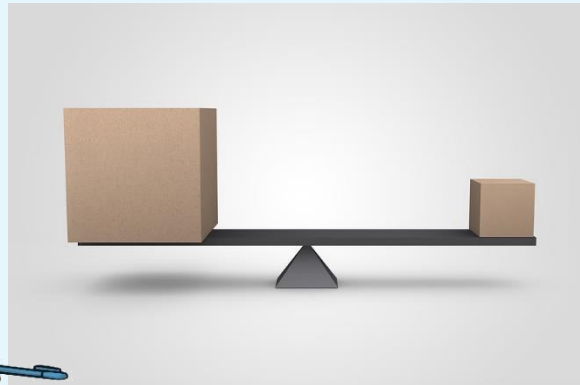
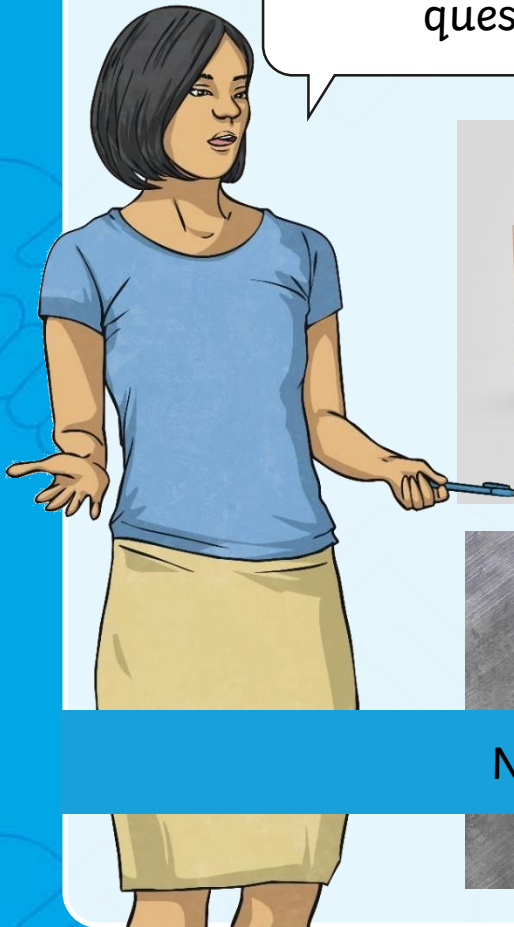
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What Do We Already Know?



What is democracy? Think about your answer to this question and share your thoughts with a partner.



Now, share your thoughts with the class.



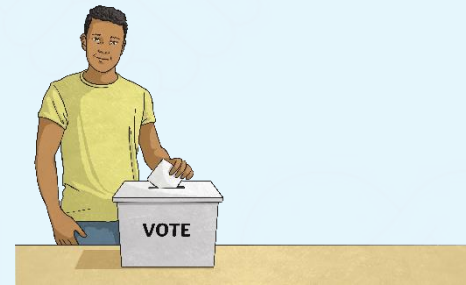
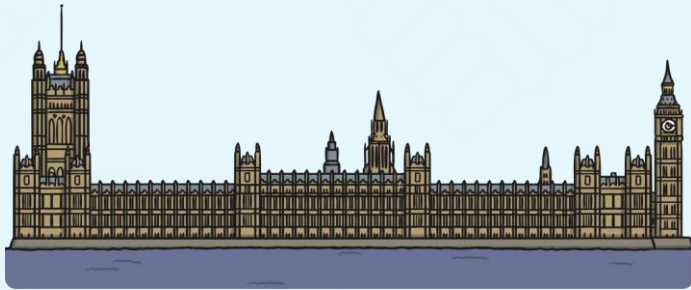
British Democracy



Democracy is a belief in freedom and equality between all people.

Britain is a democracy because it has a government which supports the belief in freedom and equality between all people.

Britain is also a democracy because the government is made up of politicians whom the British people have voted for.



There are basic **human rights** shared by all people and all **societies** and protecting and respecting these is an important part of democracy in Britain.

British Democracy



Work in a small group to play the Democracy Matching Game, matching each key word to its definition.

How many will you get right?

democracy

society

freedom

equality

human rights

government

The state of being equal in status, rights or opportunities.

The power or right to act, speak or think as one wants.

The group of people with the authority to govern a state or country.

A large group of people who live together in an organised way.

The belief in freedom and equality between all people.

A right which is believed to belong to every person.

British Democracy



How many did you get right? Look carefully at the answers below.

democracy	→	The belief in freedom and equality between all people.
freedom	→	The power or right to act, speak or think as one wants.
equality	→	The state of being equal in status, rights or opportunities.
human rights	→	A right which is believed to belong to every person.
government	→	The group of people with the authority to govern a state or country.
society	→	A large group of people who live together in an organised way.

Consolidating

Reflecting



Putting It into Action



Answer the quiz questions all about democracy using all we have discussed and the key words below.

Word Bank:

democracy

equality

society

freedom

government

equal rights

Putting It into Action

Use all you have learnt about democracy to answer the questions. Remember to answer in full sentences.

1. What is democracy a belief in?

2. In a democracy, who is free to be who they want to be and believe in what they want to believe in?

3. In a democracy, which people are equal?

4. Who do human rights belong to in a democracy?

5. What makes Britain a democracy?



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The Importance of Democracy

We live in a democratic society in Britain. Unfortunately, not all people throughout the world live in places where there is a belief in freedom and equality between all people.

How do you think the people in the image might be feeling?



Share your thoughts with the class.



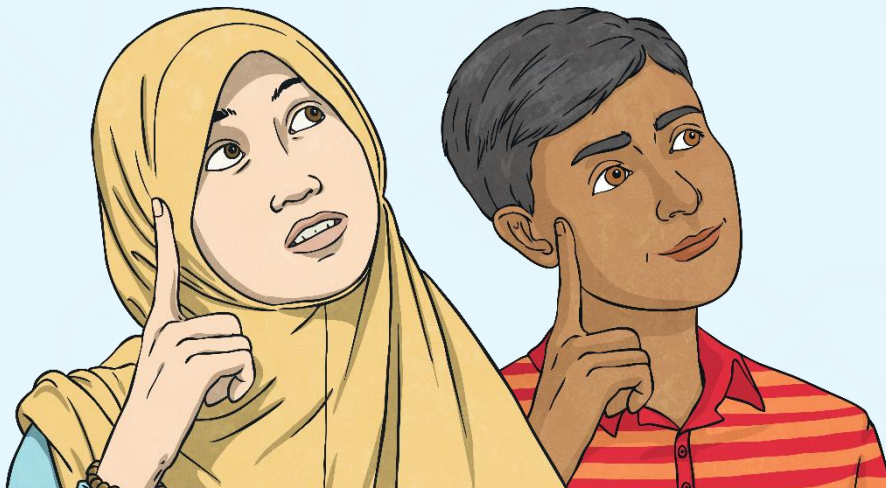
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The Importance of Democracy



Why is democracy important?

Take a moment to think about this and then write your thoughts on a Democracy Thought Bubble.



Democracy Thought Bubbles

Why is democracy important?

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If you feel happy to do so, share your thoughts with your class.

The Big Questions



What is
democracy?

Why is
democracy
important?

What have you learnt today? How could you use what you have learnt to make a difference to our school community?

