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Voting and Elections: Learn and Practice

How citizens choose their leaders.

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

💡 Elections

- US citizens who are 18 or older can vote. Most states ask voters to register first.
- Voters mark a ballot in secret, at a polling place or by mail in many states.
- Election Day is the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
- Over time, amendments and laws protected the right to vote for more Americans.

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C. a type of parade

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B. the paper or screen where you mark your vote

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C. a place where people go to vote

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B. so no one knows there is an election

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✏️ Explain it! Write two facts you learned about voting and elections.

ANSWER KEY

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In an election, voters choose who will serve.

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Voters mark their choices on a ballot.

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Schools and community centers are often polling places.

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Candidates ask voters to choose them.