

Questions for discussion



Preferential voting

1. What was the main point of the story?
2. What is the 'First past the post' voting system?
3. When people go to the polls to vote, they number each candidate in order of _____.
4. What percentage of votes does a politician need to get to win their seat?
5. In your own words, describe preferential voting.
6. Minor parties often do deals with major parties to give them _____.
7. Why do political parties hand out how to vote cards?
8. Why are elections an important part of democracy?
9. Do you think it is important for young people to understand the voting system? Why or why not?
10. What do you understand more clearly since watching the BtN story?

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Choose a country and investigate the voting system in that country. Present your research findings to the class.