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Poll Workers Run Election Day

Circle group

On Election Day, grown-ups go to a place to vote. It may be a school gym or a library. Poll workers help everything go well.

Poll workers are people from the town. They learn the job first. Before the doors open, they set up tables, signs and voting booths. They check each machine and ballot.

A voter arrives. A poll worker finds the name on a list. Then the voter gets a ballot. A ballot is where a person makes a choice. Poll workers help with questions. They never tell anyone who to vote for.

At the end of the day, workers count the ballots with care. They send the results to town leaders. Neighbors give their time to make voting fair.

Questions

1. What do poll workers do before the doors open?

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2. What is a ballot?

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3. What happens when a voter arrives?

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4. Do poll workers tell people who to vote for?

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5. Why do poll workers learn the job first?

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6. Why do poll workers count ballots with care?

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Words to know

ballot: the paper or screen used to make a vote
poll workers: helpers who run a place where people vote
booths: small private spaces for voting
results: the final answer after counting votes

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Triangle group

On Election Day, grown-ups go to a place to vote. It might be a school gym or a church hall or a library. Who makes sure everything goes smoothly? Poll workers do.

Poll workers are people from the community who learn the job first. Before the doors open, they set up tables, signs and voting booths. They check that every machine and paper ballot is ready.

When a voter arrives, a poll worker finds the person's name on a list. Then the voter gets a ballot. A ballot is the paper or screen where a person makes a choice. If a voter has a question, a poll worker is there to help. Poll workers do not tell anyone who to vote for.

At the end of the day, the workers close the doors, count the ballots with care, and send the results to town leaders. Voting works well because many neighbors give their time to make it fair for all.

Questions

1. What do poll workers do before the doors open?

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2. What is a ballot?

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3. What do poll workers do when a voter arrives?

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4. Do poll workers tell people who to vote for?

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5. Why do you think poll workers learn the job first?

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6. Why does it matter that poll workers count the ballots with care?

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Words to know

ballot: the paper or screen used to make a vote
poll workers: helpers who run a place where people vote
community: a group of people who live in the same area
booths: small private spaces for voting
results: the final answer after counting votes

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Poll Workers Run Election Day

Square group

On Election Day, adults travel to a special place to cast their votes. It might be a school gymnasium, a church hall or a library. Who makes sure that everything goes smoothly? Poll workers do.

Poll workers are members of the community who receive training before they begin the job. Early in the morning, before the doors open, they arrange tables, signs and voting booths. They also confirm that every machine and paper ballot is ready for the day.

When a voter arrives, a poll worker locates the person's name on an official list, and then the voter receives a ballot. A ballot is the paper or screen on which a person records a choice. If a voter has a question, a poll worker is there to help, but poll workers never tell anyone how to vote.

When the day ends, the workers close the doors, count the ballots carefully, and send the results to town leaders. Voting works well because so many neighbors give their time to make it fair for everyone.

Questions

1. What do poll workers do before the doors open?

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2. What is a ballot?

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3. What happens when a voter arrives at the voting place?

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4. Will poll workers tell a person how to vote?

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5. Why do poll workers receive training before the job?

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6. Why is it important to count the ballots carefully?

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Words to know

ballot: the paper or screen used to make a vote
poll workers: helpers who run a place where people vote
community: a group of people who live in the same area
booths: small private spaces for voting
results: the final answer after counting votes

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

For the teacher: Poll Workers Run Election Day

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Poll Workers Run Election Day

Easier · 123 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.5

1. They set up tables, signs and voting booths.
2. The paper or screen where a person makes a choice.
3. A poll worker finds the name on a list and gives the voter a ballot.
4. No, they never do.
5. They need to know how to help voters and keep voting fair.
6. So the results are correct and fair.

Triangle: Poll Workers Run Election Day

This passage · 161 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.1

1. They set up tables, signs and voting booths.
2. The paper or screen where a person makes a choice.
3. They find the voter's name on a list and give the voter a ballot.
4. No, they never tell anyone who to vote for.
5. They need to know how to help voters and keep voting fair.
6. A careful count helps the results be correct and fair.

Square: Poll Workers Run Election Day

Harder · 173 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 6.9

1. They arrange tables, signs and voting booths, and check that machines and ballots are ready.
2. The paper or screen on which a person records a choice.
3. A poll worker finds the person's name on a list and gives the voter a ballot.
4. No, they never tell anyone how to vote.
5. They need to know how to help voters and keep the voting fair.
6. A careful count helps the results be correct and fair.