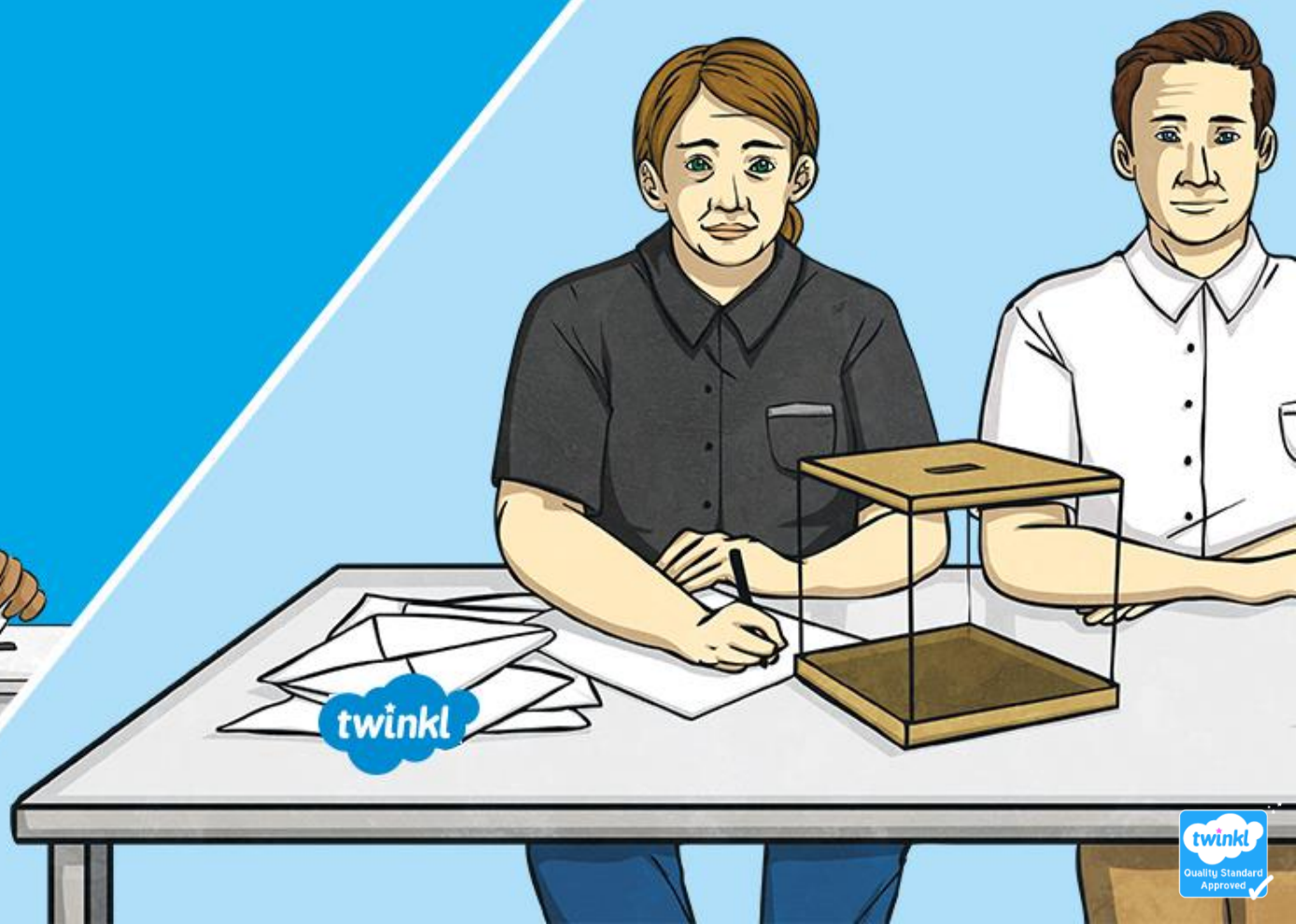


Democracy



LC: Can you 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.
- I can identify how individuals and groups contribute to the community.

The Big Questions



What is
democracy?

Why is
democracy
important?

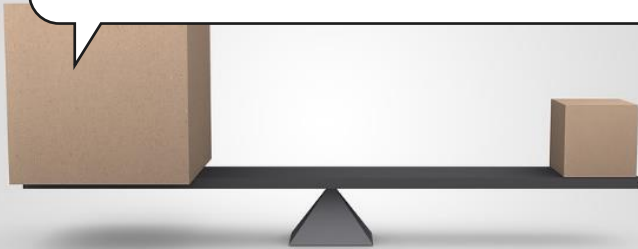


Reconnecting

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.

Exploring

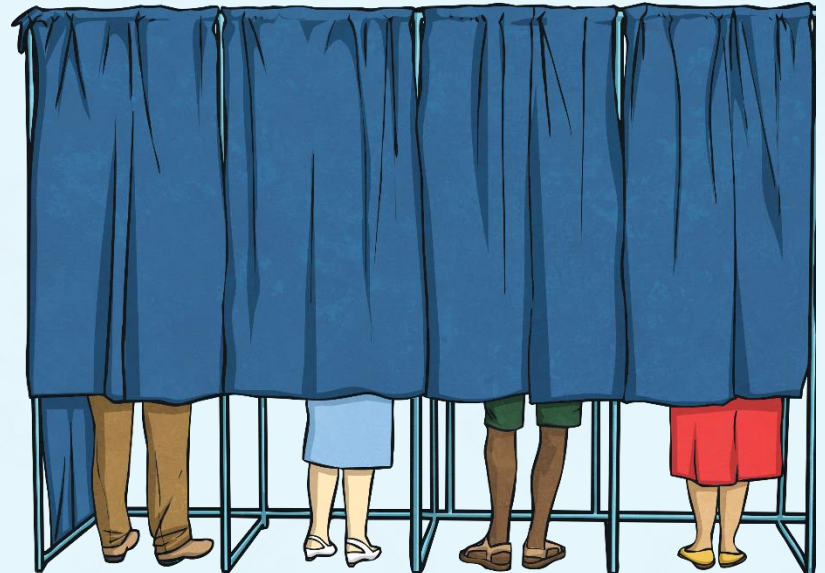
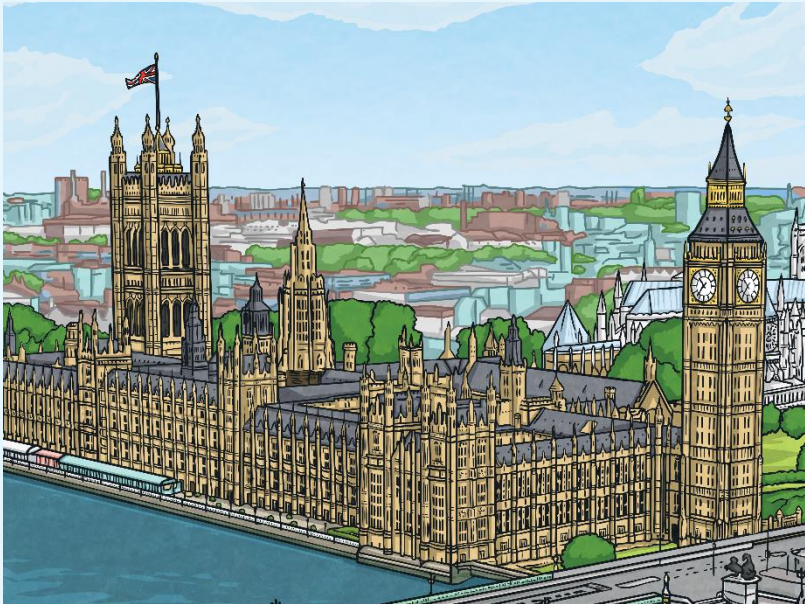
British Democracy



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

Britain and other British Isles are democracies because they have a government which supports the belief in freedom and equality between all people.

Britain and other British Isles are also democracies because the governments are made up of politicians whom the British people have voted for.



British Democracy



There are basic **human rights** shared by **all people**, no matter who they are or where they are from. Human rights exist to help **all people** live **safe, happy, healthy and fulfilling lives**. Protecting and respecting these is an important part of British democracy. It is all of our responsibility to help the rights of others be met, including treating all people with **kindness and respect** and remembering that **no one is more important, special or deserving than anyone else**.

Ox Close Democracy

How do we show democracy in our school?

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.

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human rights	→	A right which is believed to belong to every person.
freedom	→	The power or right to act, speak or think as one wants.
government	→	The group of people with the authority to govern a state or country.

Consolidating

Reflecting



Reflecting

The Importance of Democracy



We live in a democratic society.
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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Why is democracy important?

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

The Importance of Democracy



Acting on our own or part of a group, we can all do our bit to help make our communities and country fair and democratic places to live and work.

What different things could we do?

Does anyone know of any community groups which help the rights of all people to be met?

Let us be a class that treats all people with kindness and respect and works together to help everyone live safe, happy, healthy and fulfilling lives!



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?

