

Why Voting Matters

Week 27 • Thursday • Choosing Leaders in My Life

Reading Time

Presidents like Washington and Jefferson were chosen by **voting**. Voting means each person picks their favorite choice, and the choice with the most votes wins.

Americans still vote today! Grown-ups vote for presidents, governors, mayors, and more. On **Election Day**, they go to voting places and mark their choices in private.

You are not old enough to vote for president yet, but you can vote right now! Families vote on what movie to watch. Classes vote on which book to read. When you vote, your voice counts — and when you lose a vote, you learn to be a good sport. That is how fair choices are made.

Reading Questions

1. What does voting mean?

2. What do grown-ups vote for?

3. What are some things kids can vote on?

Vocabulary Grid

Write what each word means in your own words.

vote

election

choice

winner

ballot

count

Hold a Family Election!

Time for a real vote at your house!

1. Pick a question, like: What should we have for dinner Friday? or What game should we play tonight?
2. Choose two or three options and write them in the table below.
3. Make paper ballots. Everyone votes in secret and folds their ballot.
4. Count the votes together and write the totals. The winner is the choice with the most votes!

Choice	Number of votes
Choice 1: _____	
Choice 2: _____	
Choice 3: _____	
The winner was:	

Think About It

1. How did it feel to vote? Did your choice win?

2. Why is voting more fair than one person always deciding?

Fill in the Blanks

voting most Election private voice sport

1. Presidents are chosen by _____.
2. The choice with the _____ votes wins.
3. Grown-ups vote on _____ Day.
4. People mark their choices in _____.
5. When you vote, your _____ counts.
6. If you lose a vote, be a good _____.

True or False

Write T for true or F for false in each circle.

- ☐ Voting means picking your favorite choice.
- ☐ The choice with the fewest votes wins.
- ☐ Grown-ups vote for presidents and mayors.
- ☐ Kids can vote on family choices.
- ☐ It is okay to be a sore loser after a vote.
- ☐ Voting helps make fair choices.

Review

I learned...	Circle one
What voting is and why it matters	YES / NOT YET
I held a family election	YES / NOT YET
How voting connects to presidents	YES / NOT YET