

B.C. Votes 2017

Teachers' Notes



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B.C. Votes 2017 is about the election process in B.C. — the key dates, the electoral map, the rules for voter eligibility and information about voting in B.C. The photos and drawings carry a lot of the information and I hope, will give meaningful help to our readers. I suggest you spend time looking carefully at the drawings and photos together. Talk about them. There is more on our website and on the Elections BC site to complement this publication. Try the on-line interactive map to find your riding. Watch the *What to expect when you go to vote* video. By the time you get **B.C. Votes 2017** the election will be a hot topic of conversation. I hope you and your learners find this publication interesting and fun.

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Answers

Election words (TN2)

1. MLA 2. election 3. voter 4. B.C. 5. electoral district 6. eligible 7. candidate 8. ballot 9. vote

Can these people vote? Are they eligible. (TN3)

Nancy -No (lives in Toronto) May – Yes Eddie - Yes
If/then sentence: 18 6 months vote

Anna's steps (TN4) 3-2-6 4-5-1 Page 1 - Ballot Box

Discussion suggestions

What do you see? (WCR1) (TN2)

Use the photo from Page 1 for oral or written description, to practice election vocabulary or for conversation. What might these people be saying or thinking?

Have you ever voted?

What was voting like for you?

If your learners have voting experience, discuss voting. Compare their experience with Anna's (WCR2). If they have never voted, talk about the future.

Many ways to vote in B.C. (WCR4)

How many ways to vote are listed on Page 4? Answer: 4 (Advance, General Voting Day, Electoral District office and by mail)

Discussion & Resources

Many ways to vote in B.C. (WCR4)

Discuss why there are so many ways to vote. What other ways to vote might there be in the future?

Did you know? (WCR4) Discuss the history of voting —and rights won and lost. More information and dates:

<http://elections.bc.ca/resources/electoral-history-of-bc/>

More resources and links

Elections BC: www.elections.bc.ca

Digital and printable maps:

<http://elections.bc.ca/resources/maps/>

Short animated video:

What to expect when you vote

<http://elections.bc.ca/voting/first-time-voters/>

Be part of the provincial Student Vote

Your class can take part in a parallel election with students around B.C.

<http://elections.bc.ca/voting/students-youth/student-vote/>

Election Words

There are many words to know about elections. Match the definition in the first column with the word in the second column.

1. Member of the Legislative Assembly	election
2. The formal way we choose MLAs	electoral district
3. A person who votes	MLA
4. British Columbia	vote
5. The area of B.C. that elects one MLA	eligible
6. Able to do something when there are rules for participation	candidate
7. A person who is running to be an MLA	ballot
8. A list of the people you can vote for	voter
9. The action of choosing a person to represent you	B.C.

What do you see? Write or talk about what you see.

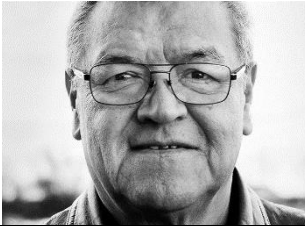






Are these people eligible to vote in the 2017 B.C. General Election?

Check and see. 3/3 = eligible. **Circle** your answer — Yes or No.

What about you? Are you eligible to vote? Add your information.

Eligible?


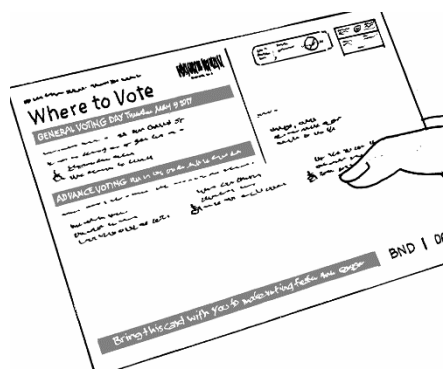
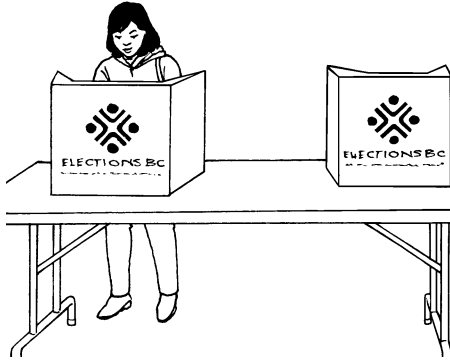
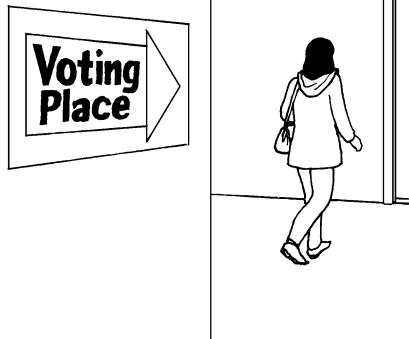


	<p>Joe is 71 years old. He was born in Alberta. He moved to Kelowna, B.C. in 2015.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18 years or older <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canadian citizen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lived in B.C. for six months before General Voting Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No</p>
	<p>Nancy is 30 years old. She was born in Richmond, B.C. She lives in Toronto, Ontario.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 18 years or older <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Lived in B.C. for six months before General Voting Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No</p>
	<p>May is 52 years old. She was born in China. May is a Canadian citizen. She has lived in B.C. since 1993.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 18 years or older <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Lived in B.C. for six months before General Voting Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No</p>
	<p>Eddie is 28 years old. He was born in Surrey, B.C. Eddie moved in Langley, B.C. in 2010.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 18 years or older <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Lived in B.C. for six months before General Voting Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No</p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  You </div>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 18 years or older <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Lived in B.C. for six months before General Voting Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No</p>

Fill in the blanks.

If a person is _____ or older, a Canadian citizen, and lived in B.C. for the _____ months before General Voting Day, then that person is eligible to _____.

Anna is a first-time voter. Number Anna's steps.

Anna took six steps to vote. Number the steps in the correct order.

		
<p>Step</p>	<p>Step</p>	<p>Step</p>
		
<p>Step</p>	<p>Step</p>	<p>Step 1</p>

There is one more step.

What is the last step Anna takes when she votes?

There is a photo in the paper that shows Anna's Step 7. Can you find that photo?

What page is it on? _____ What does it show? _____