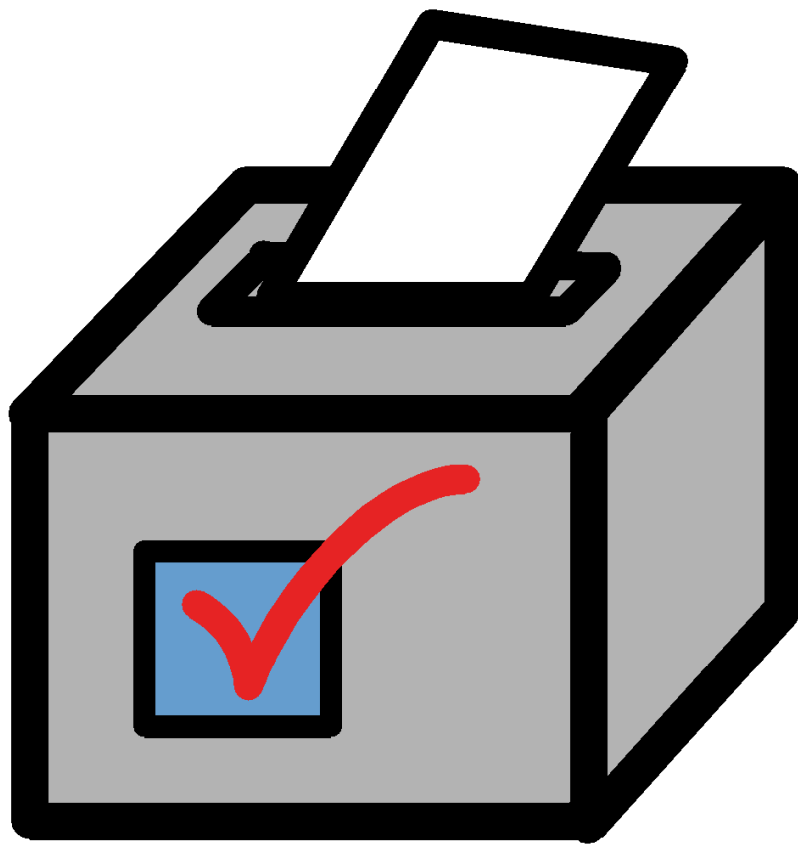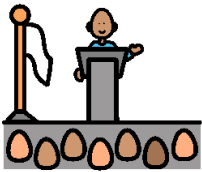voting

Voting

This booklet will tell you all about voting.

Voting is your chance to choose the people who run Europe, Ireland and your local area.

This is called an election.

Voting is also your chance to change the constitution of Ireland.
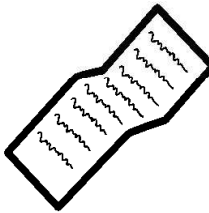
This is called a referendum.

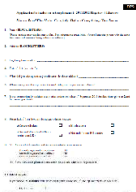You can vote if you are over 18 years of age.

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You can vote if you have an Irish passport.

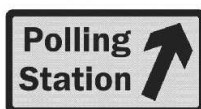You can vote if your name is on the Register of Voters.

The Register of Voters is a list of everyone in Ireland who can vote.

You can make sure your name is on the Register of Voters by filling in a form from the County Council.
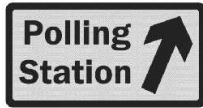
You will get a voting card in the post.

The voting card will tell you where to go to vote.

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The place where you vote is called a polling station.
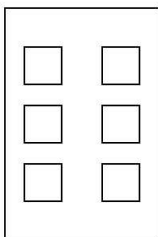
Polling is another name for voting.

The polling station is usually a school or hall near where you live.

Show the people at the polling station your voting card.

You must bring some photo identification with you. This could be your passport.

The people at the desk will give you a page with the voting choices on it. This is called a ballot paper.
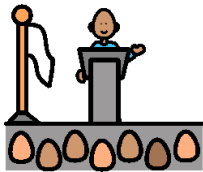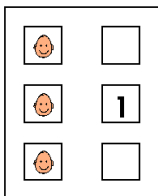
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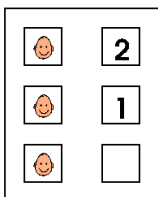The people at the desk will tell you where to go.

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If you are voting in an election, you will need to write numbers beside the photographs on the ballot paper.

The photographs are of politicians.

Write number 1 beside the photograph of your first choice.

Write number 2 beside the photograph of your second choice and so on.

Yes

No

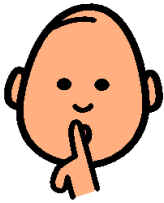If you are voting in a referendum, you will need to vote YES or NO.

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 You vote yes if you agree with the changes to the constitution.
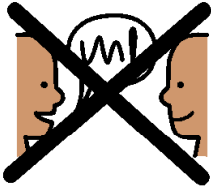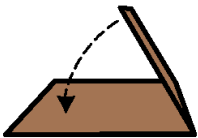
 You vote no if you don't agree with changes to the constitution.

 Remember, your vote is secret.

 Nobody can tell you how to vote.

 When you have made your vote, fold the ballot paper.

 Put your ballot paper in the ballot box.