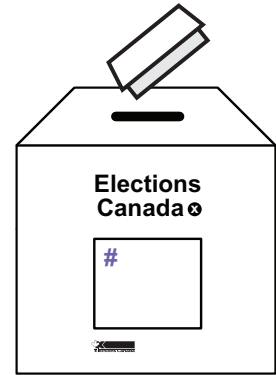


× Election vocabulary

Ballot A piece of paper used to vote in an election.

Ballot box A box with a narrow slot on top into which voters place their ballots.



Campaign The time before an election when political parties and candidates explain their ideas and try to convince people to vote for them. In a federal election, the campaign lasts for 36 to 50 days.

Platform A political party's platform describes how it would work on important issues.

Political party A group of people who share ideas and goals. The party's purpose is to have its candidates elected, form a government and make lasting changes to help the country do well.

Polling station The place where you go to vote.

Returning officer The person in charge of organizing the election in an electoral district.

Voter A Canadian citizen who is at least 18 years old on election day.

Voting screen A cardboard barrier behind which voters mark their ballot in secret.

