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Aims: This lesson aims to allow students to have a discussion about the voting process in the UK. They then write step by step instructions on what happens in Polling station. Finally the class will create a mock election and practice voting.

Notes on levels: The materials provided are adaptable for different level. At lower levels Ss may produce oral sentences and then focus on new words. At higher levels Ss could write a guide to voting.

Language points: the materials lend themselves to focusing on ordinals, imperatives and telling a narrative.

Resources and suggested stages:

1. Picture cards about what happens in an election

T writes the word “election” on the board and elicits from the Ss what happens. T asks students if they have voted before. If Ss have they can describe what happens.

Ss work in small groups to order picture. They report back their decisions to the class and class negotiates a final order.

Class can focus on telling the narrative, produce a group text or produce individual texts.

2. Worksheet what happens in a Polling Station

Using the picture of a Polling Station T elicits what happens inside. As an extra stage Ss can order cutups of photos first. Ss can write imperatives themselves or complete the gaps.

3. Ballot papers and worksheet explaining them

N.B. T needs to write in names of the candidates on the ballot papers. It may also be useful to produce a list of names and addresses of the students so that the person role-playing the election officer can check them off as voters arrive.

Use the worksheet to explain the ballot papers (For weaker students T present orally and demonstrates)

One or two confident Ss work at the polling station as election officers. They need to check names and address, give out the ballot papers and explain how to vote.

Set up the classroom to resemble a Polling Station. You will need a desk for people to get their papers. Some separated tables for polling booths and a ballot box (A4 photocopy paper boxes are perfect).

Ss role-play election.

At the end T goes through ballot papers to explain spoilt papers and Ss tally the votes. Election result is announced.

Links:

http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/150346/Easy-read-guide-voting-EW.pdf

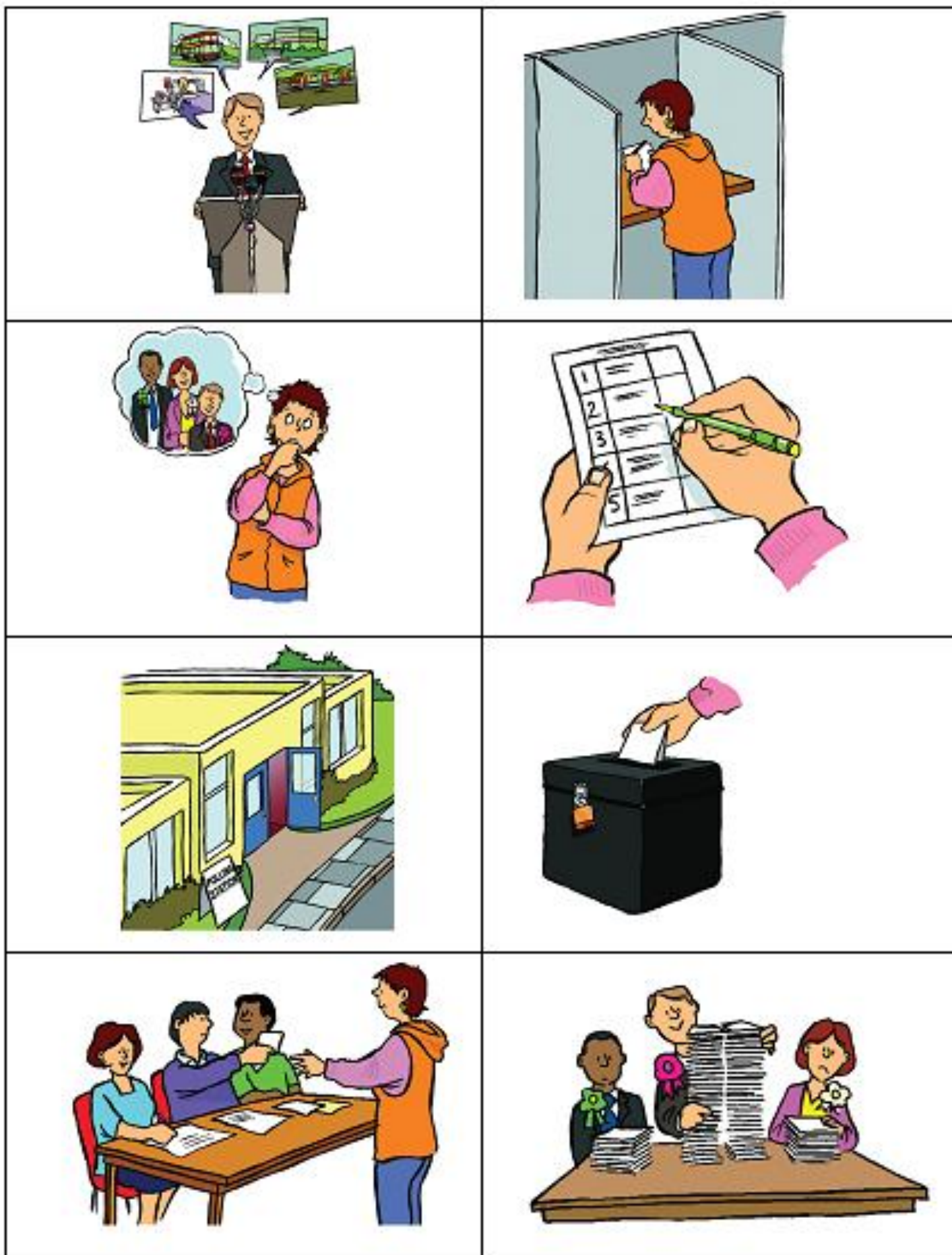
<http://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/Step-by-step%20voting%20guide.pdf>

<http://www.londonelects.org.uk/im-voter/how-vote>

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How to vote

Mark	Collect	close
Receive	Cast	counted
Go to	Register	Go into

1.		_____ to vote
2.		_____ your poll card
3.		_____ a polling station
4.		_____ your ballot paper

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5.		_____ a polling booth
6.		_____ your ballot paper
7.		_____ your vote
8.		Polls _____ at 10pm
9.		The votes are _____

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You will have three ballot papers in the 2016 elections: one to vote for the Mayor of London and two for the London Assembly.

Polling stations will be open from 7am until 10pm.

Mayor of London – the pink ballot paper



This is for the person you would like to be Mayor of London

Vote for your first choice candidate by marking a cross (X) in the first choice column

Vote for your second choice candidate by marking a cross (X) in the second choice column

If you only mark a first choice, your vote will still be counted – you can choose not to mark a second candidate

Constituency London Assembly Member – the yellow ballot paper



This is for the person who you would like to represent you in the London Assembly from your local constituency

You can cast one vote for a candidate. Each candidate will either be part of a political party or standing as an independent candidate

Mark one cross (X) next to the candidate you wish to vote for

London-wide Assembly Member – the orange ballot paper



This is for the party or independent candidate that you would like to have a London-wide Member seat on the Assembly

You can cast one vote for a political party or an individual standing as an independent candidate

Mark one cross (X) next to the candidate you wish to vote for

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Election of the Mayor

Vote once (X) in column one for your first choice

Vote once (X) in column two for your second choice

		column one first choice	column two second choice
	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	9	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	11	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2

Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member – Your Constituency

Vote once (X) in the blank box

◆	1		<input type="checkbox"/>
■	2		<input type="checkbox"/>
△	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
	4		<input type="checkbox"/>
*	5		<input type="checkbox"/>
⊙	6		<input type="checkbox"/>
	7		<input type="checkbox"/>
⋈	8		<input type="checkbox"/>

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Election of the London Assembly

London Member

Vote once (X) in the blank box



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7



8

Eight horizontal lines for writing names, corresponding to the symbols on the left.

Eight empty square boxes for marking the vote, corresponding to the symbols on the left.