



Activity: Practice Election

Hold a practice election with a group of friends. Follow the instructions below and use the ballots provided to create your own election!

Before election day

1) Make a voters list

Create a list of electors and have them register with proper ID. Provide accessibility assistance for all voters to participate in the election.

2) Create political parties and candidates

Reorganize individuals into groups to form unique political parties. Each party collaborates to determine their priorities and develop their platform.

3) Host candidate speeches or presentations

Each political party selects a leader to represent them in a practice election. The party leaders present their ideas to the group, highlighting their differences from other parties.

4) Discuss and debate

Encourage the group to consider which candidate and political party align with their values, reminding them of their freedom to vote for any candidate.

5) Prepare the ballots

Prepare election ballots by selecting election workers, listing candidates and political parties, and folding the ballots as guided by the sample ballots provided. Make enough ballots for everyone, plus a few extras.

6) Prepare the polling station

To set up a polling station for voting, gather a list of electors, a ballot box, folded ballots, and one or two election workers. The ballot box should have a lid, and ensure voters can fill out their ballots privately.



Practice Election (continued)

Voting Tip

If a voter makes an error, they can request a new ballot, but this can only be done once.

Vote

- 1) When voters arrive at the polling station, they provide their name and show ID.
- 2) The election worker checks their name off the list and gives them a folded ballot.
- 3) The voter marks their favorite candidate's name on the ballot in a private area using a pencil or pen.
- 4) The voter returns the folded ballot to the election worker, who then hands it back without tearing off part of it (the counterfoil), as done in a real election.
- 5) The voter places the ballot in a ballot box.
- 6) Provide every voter with an opportunity to vote. Task complete!

Count the votes

- 1) Remove all ballots from the ballot box.
- 2) Call out the selected candidate on each ballot and record the votes on paper.
- 3) Stack ballots by candidate, create a separate pile for spoiled ones, count each candidate's pile, then count again to double-check.
- 4) Announce the winner, and celebrate with your new political leader.

Voting Tip

If a ballot has multiple candidates selected, it is considered **spoiled** and should not be counted.



Voting Glossary

Spoiled

A ballot is spoiled when there's a mistake on it, so the vote doesn't count

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To learn more about the history of elections in the Yukon, go to:

Resources

Learn about the outcomes of Yukon Elections from 1898 to present



A sample ballot

DOE, John Independent/Indépendant	<input type="radio"/>
DOE, Sandra Political Affiliation/Appartenance politique	<input type="radio"/>
UNETELLE, Anne Political Affiliation/Appartenance politique	<input type="radio"/>
UNTEL, Pierre Political Affiliation/Appartenance politique	<input type="radio"/>



Questions for Discussion

- Was voting easy or difficult for you?
- Was there anything you would do differently if you were voting in a real election?





Blank ballots



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