

EdPuzzle Questions:  
[What is democracy?](#)



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1.	What do you think "Majority Rules" means?
2.	Why do you think that it is important that everyone's views are taken seriously?
3.	Do you think the word "Democracy" accurately describes how democracy works? Give reasons for your thinking.
4.	What is the difference between a direct democracy and a representative democracy?
5.	Which of these is NOT a key feature of democracy? a. Respect for money b. Only certain citizens have rights c. The President is excluded from following laws d. All of the above

6	Which of these "Key features of Democracy" do you think is followed the best in our South African democracy? Give a reason for your answer.
7.	What do YOU think is the most important fruit of democracy? Give a reason for your answer.  a. Equality b. Dignity c. Freedom d. Peace e. Justice f. Good governance g. Accountability
8.	How might someone abuse their freedom in the South African democracy?
9.	Would you support democracy? Give a reason for your answer.
10.	Apartheid was  a. a fair form of governance. b. gave rights to a certain number of people. c. an inclusive way to rule a country. d. an exclusive way to rule a country.

11.	How do you think having limited rights and freedoms affected people?
12.	What are the three founding elements that our democratic society is based on?
13.	Why do YOU think democracy is a such a popular form of governance in the world?
14.	How are ordinary people allowed to have a say in what happens in the country? a. They can vote for a particular political party. b. They can tell the president what to do. c. They can make up the laws of the country.
15.	Do YOU think South Africa is a good example of a democracy? Give a reason for your answer.
16.	Name another country that you think has a democratic system of governance.



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**FEEDBACK**

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1.	What do you think "Majority Rules" means?
	<b>"The system giving the largest group in a particular place or area the power to make decisions for everyone:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Government by the majority rule can be a threat to minority rights"</b></li></ul> <b>Source: <a href="https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/majority-rule">https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/majority-rule</a></b>
2.	Why do you think that it is important that everyone's views are taken seriously?
	<b>Everyone must feel that they belong in our country. When everyone's views are taken seriously, their needs can be met. People will not feel left out, ignored or unimportant. That leads to a sense of belonging and encourages everyone to work together to make the country the best it can be.</b>
3.	Do you think the word "Democracy" accurately describes how democracy works? Give reasons for your thinking.
	<b>Own opinion: share ideas and thinking</b>
4.	What is the difference between a direct democracy and a representative democracy?
	<b>A direct democracy means that every single person would be able to directly participate in every decision made by the government. In fact, the people would be the government.</b> <b>In a representative democracy, people vote for the political party that they think will best represent their needs. The political parties make up the government and make the decisions on how the country will be run.</b>
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8.	How might someone abuse their freedom in the South African democracy?
	<b>A person may do or say something that impacts on someone else's rights. For example: A person is free to use public spaces such as a park but they are not free to litter in the park as this impacts on someone else's right to enjoy the park.</b>
9.	Would you support democracy? Give a reason for your answer.
	<b>Own opinion: share thinking and ideas</b>
10.	<p>Apartheid was</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. a fair form of governance.</li> <li>b. gave rights to a certain number of people.</li> <li>c. an inclusive way to rule a country.</li> <li>d. an exclusive way to rule a country.</li> </ul>
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11.	How do you think having limited rights and freedoms affected people?
	<b>People felt unfairly treated. They knew they were not receiving equal opportunities in education and employment. People had to follow laws made by a government they did not vote for. It made people angry and upset.</b>
12.	What are the three founding elements that our democratic society is based on?
	<b>1. Democratic values</b> <b>2. Social justice</b> <b>3. Fundamental human rights</b>
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16.	Name another country that you think has a democratic system of governance.
	<b>Examples: Belgium, United States, Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Australia.</b> <b>(many more: some countries are listed as "flawed democracies" or "hybrid regimes")</b>



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