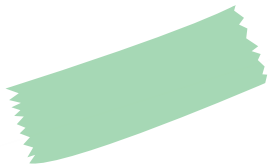
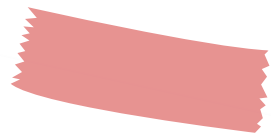
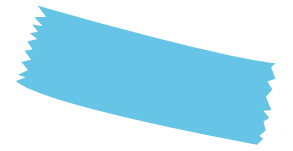


Episode 2 - Referendums

You can use this page to record some facts, your thoughts and ideas as you listen to the podcast.
(Don't worry about staying inside the boxes.)



What is a referendum?

What happens on and after referendum day?

Who is eligible to vote in a referendum in Australia?
Where do people go to vote?

What must happen in order for a referendum to succeed?

How well were you listening?

Episode 2 - Referendums Quiz

1. A referendum, in the Australian political system, is:
 - a) any vote that takes place in Australia.
 - b) a vote on a proposal to change the Constitution.
 - c) a chance for a sausage sizzle.
2. At what age do people become eligible to vote in the Australian political system?
3. If I'm over 18 and an Australian citizen, but I sleep in on Referendum Day, I can just skip voting without any consequences. True or false?
4. Approximately how many Australians will be eligible to vote in the upcoming referendum? Is it:
 - a) 8 million?
 - b) 18 million?
 - c) 26 million?
5. If the majority of Australians vote 'Yes', then the referendum will automatically be successful. True or false?
6. In at least how many Australian states must the majority of people vote 'Yes' in order for the referendum to pass?
7. Australians vote using a secret ballot system, meaning that you don't know how anyone else voted unless they choose to tell you. True or False?
8. Who signs off on any alteration of the Constitution on behalf of King Charles III?



Solutions: 1. b) a vote on a proposal to change the Constitution; 2. b) 18; 3. False - it is compulsory to vote or fines may apply; 4. b) 18 million; 5. False - a double majority is needed; 6. four; 7. True; 8. The Governor-general.

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Cut them out and place them in order or number the stages from one to five.

Votes are counted and the referendum result is announced.

The 'For' and 'Against' sides prepare their arguments.

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Referendum Day. A Saturday where polling booths open from 8am-6pm.

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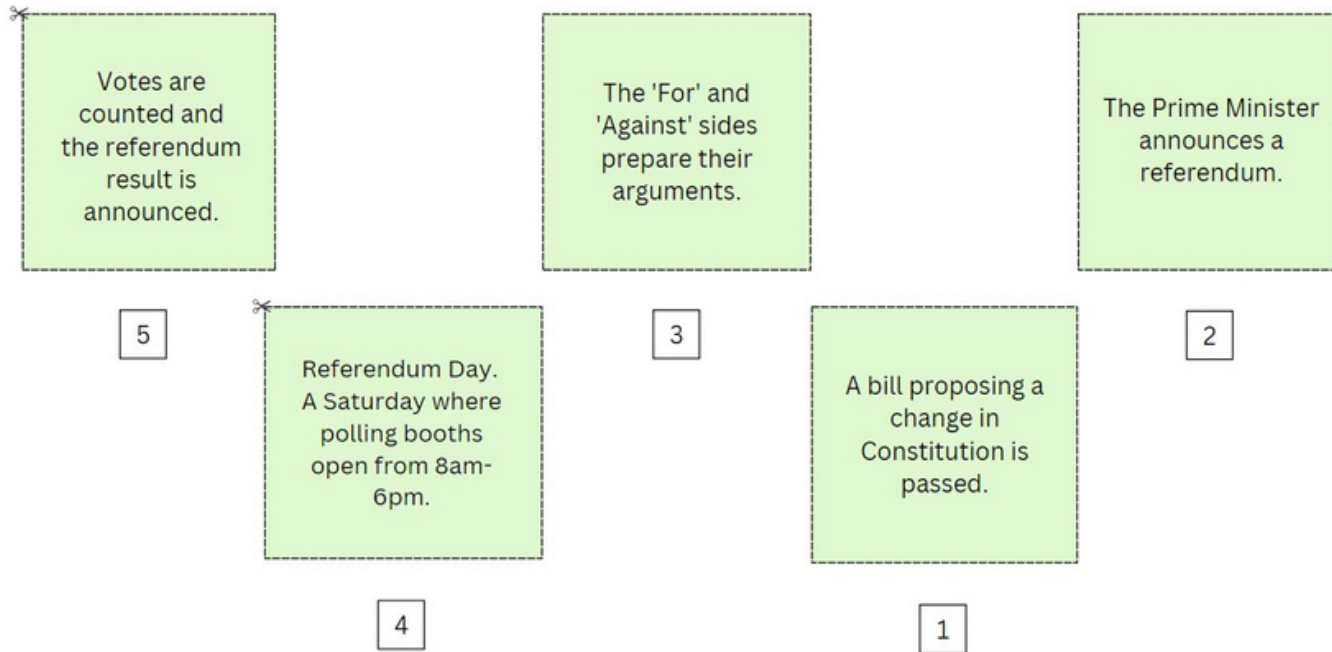
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Pre-poll voting opens for people to vote early.	Both houses of parliament pass the bill.	The Prime Minister announces a referendum and the exact wording of the question.	Referendum Day. A Saturday where polling booths open from 8am-6pm.	Polls close and votes are counted.
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A new bill is introduced to Parliament.	The referendum result is announced.	The Australian Electoral Commission publish the 'For' and 'Against' arguments and distribute them to voters.	The 'For' and 'Against' sides prepare their arguments.
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Solution - v1



Solution - v2

