

Living in a democracy

A democracy is a system of government in which the people have the power to participate in decision making.

Complete the table below.

	DEMOCRATIC VALUES	EXAMPLE	WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?	HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME?	WHAT ARE SOME OTHER EXAMPLES?
FREEDOMS	Free speech	Maddi wants to tell people why her school canteen should be healthier			
	Freedom of religion	Harry wants to celebrate special religious days with his family			
	Freedom to vote for people who make decisions for us	Mr Patel wants to help choose the government			
RESPONSIBILITIES	Voting	Mr Lee thinks he is too busy to vote on election day			
	Following laws	Alex wants to let her dog off the leash at a national park			
	Cooperating respectfully	Mia and Ali want the whole school oval to themselves every lunch time			

What are 3 ways living in a democracy affects me?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

How would my life be different without the freedoms and responsibilities in the table above?

ACTION PLAN	
Issue	
Causes	
Who could help?	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
Potential solutions	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
Which potential solution will you act on? Why?	
What is the result you hope to see from this solution?	
How long will it take to do?	
How will we know if it works?	

STEPS			
Action <i>Break down the solution into small steps</i>	Resources <i>What do we need for this step?</i>	Who <i>Who will be involved in this step?</i>	Timeline <i>When will this step start and stop?</i>

REFLECTION	
Did we reach our goal?	
What worked?	
What would we change next time?	
Was it easier or harder than we thought? Why?	