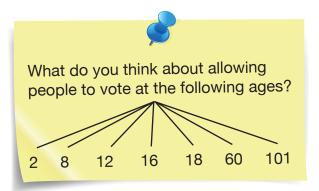
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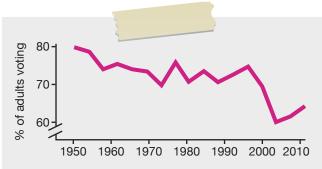
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Look at these politicians. Do you think they know and care about what it's like to be a young person today?



- Fewer and fewer people are voting in general elections. Would it help if 12 year olds could vote?
- Think about adults you know: do you know more or less than them about things that are important in the world?
- Sometimes children can be a bit silly.
 Do you know any adults who are silly?
- What do you learn about politics in primary school? in secondary school?
- Is voting the only way you can think of to express your opinion?

Voters at the last election used a ballot paper like this; would you have known who to vote for?

1	ABBOTT Diane Julie The Labour Party Candidate	
2	ANGUS Keith Liberal Democrats	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS
3	CAPLAN Darren Spencer Conservatives	and the second
4	HARGREAVES Maxine The Christian Party	THE CHRISTIAN PARTY "MOCKAMMAD CHRIST S GARDON"
5	KNAPP Knigel Monster Raving Loony William Hill Party	POPERIO PRINCIPAL GOOKTS



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Make a list of the 5 things which are most important to you and your friends.	Make a list of the 5 things which you think are most important to the whole country.
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3	3
4	4
6	6
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Find out the ages that you're allowed to do the following things and write them in the boxes.

Buy cigarettes

Join the army

Get married

Leave school

Borrow money on a credit card

Compare the two lists.
Are the differences important?

How useful are the following ways of expressing your opinion:					
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School council					
Talking to adults					
Writing to a newspaper					
Writing to your MP					
Voting for your MP					