



# Democracy Bingo

Democracy is multifaceted and consists of many basic building blocks. The following activity allows an action-oriented introduction to the topic and to different aspects of a democracy.

## Procedure:

**Step 1:** All students get a Democracy Bingo board. They go around the room and ask their partner one question. When they have received an answer, they change partners. There are two ways to play democracy bingo:

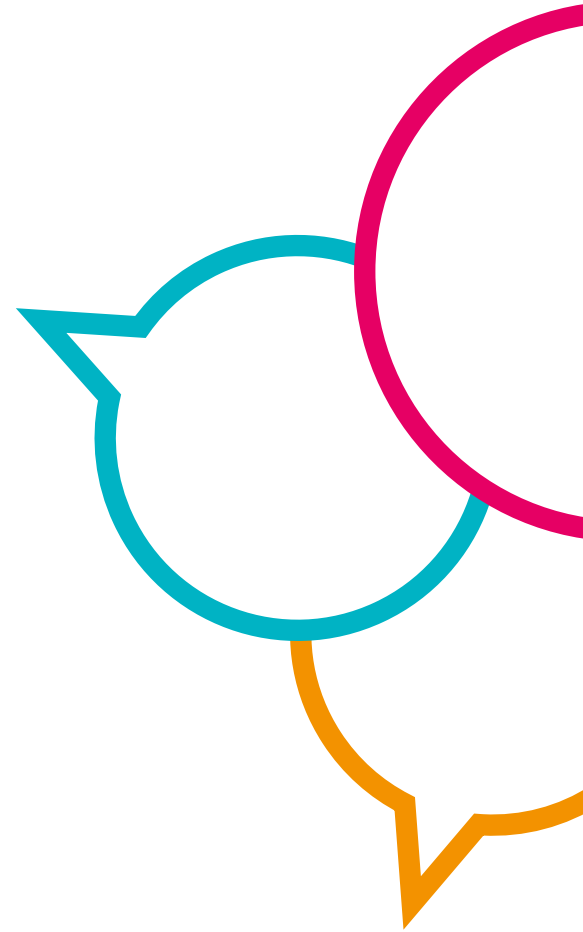
1. The winner is the person who records answers in four vertically, horizontally or diagonally adjacent boxes. Once you have filled a row, you call out 'Bingo'.
2. The winner is whoever receives the most answers within five minutes.

The activity can be followed by a discussion about democracy in general or elections. The bingo questions and their respective answers can also be discussed with the students.

### Possible questions for a discussion:

- What problems did you have answering the questions?
- What does democracy mean for you? What characterises a democracy?
- What are ways to be active in society or to get involved in a cause?
- Who is active in an association or party? How do you benefit from it? How does it benefit society?
- What if there were no freedom of expression?
- What if there were no elections?
- How can you get young people interested in politics?

**Step 2:** The students try to match the four building blocks to the questions. To help them find more building blocks, you can also provide input such as photos, a video or a text.



### What is democracy?



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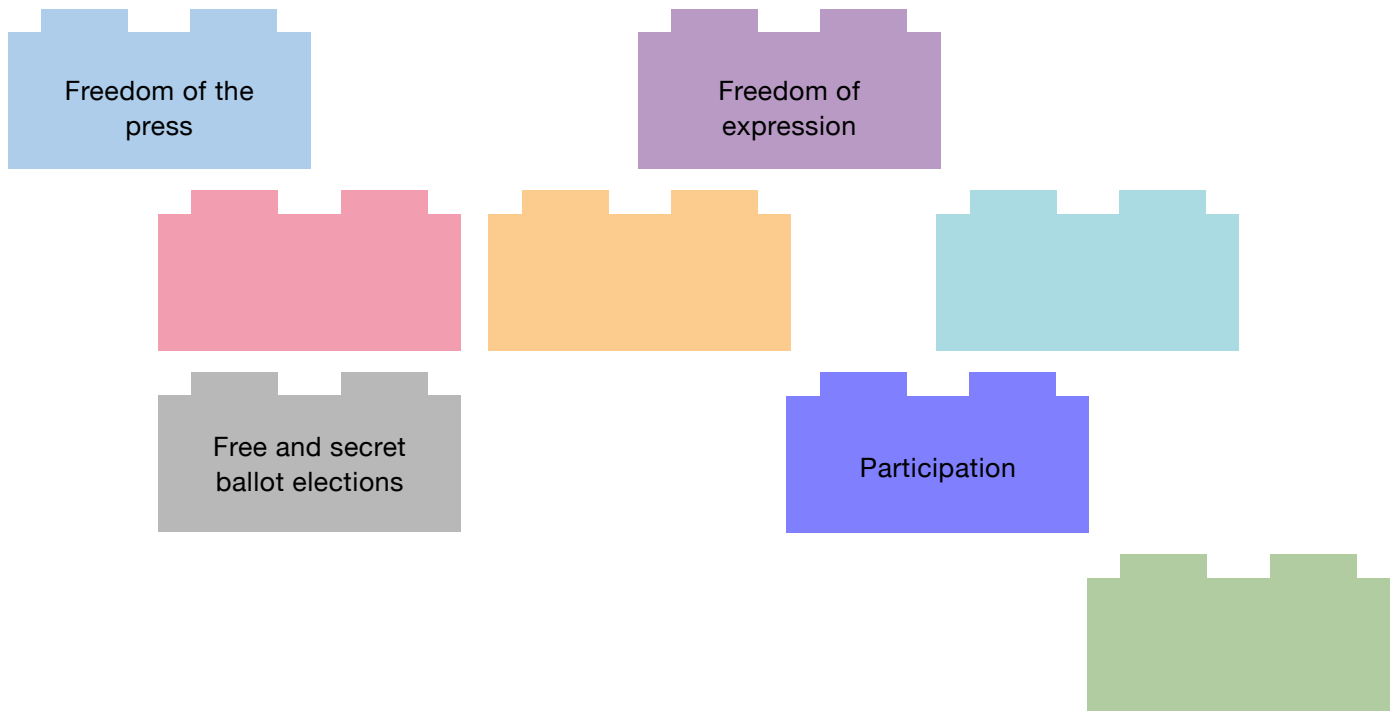




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Name two Luxembourg parties.	Is the head of state elected?	Name a politician you know through the media.	Have you ever voted in an election? (school, clubs, community, Parliament, EU Parliament)
At what annual interval do the legislative elections take place?	Name the Prime Minister.	Do you read or watch news about politics?	Is it important to you to be able to express your opinion?
Do you follow someone on social media who is politically active, or who makes political statements?	Have you ever been active in a student council as a class representative, in a student committee, etc.?	Name an artist or athlete who makes political statements.	Do you think elections are important?
Do you know anyone personally who is politically active?	Name 2 media entities from Luxembourg.	What is the name of the mayor of your municipality?	Are you active in a club? How do you get involved?

## What makes a democracy?



- Which terms match which questions in Democracy Bingo? Colour the boxes in the corresponding colours and compare with a partner.
- Group work: Explain the terms in one sentence each.
- Which building blocks are still missing?