



Lead

# Take a vote

Stage

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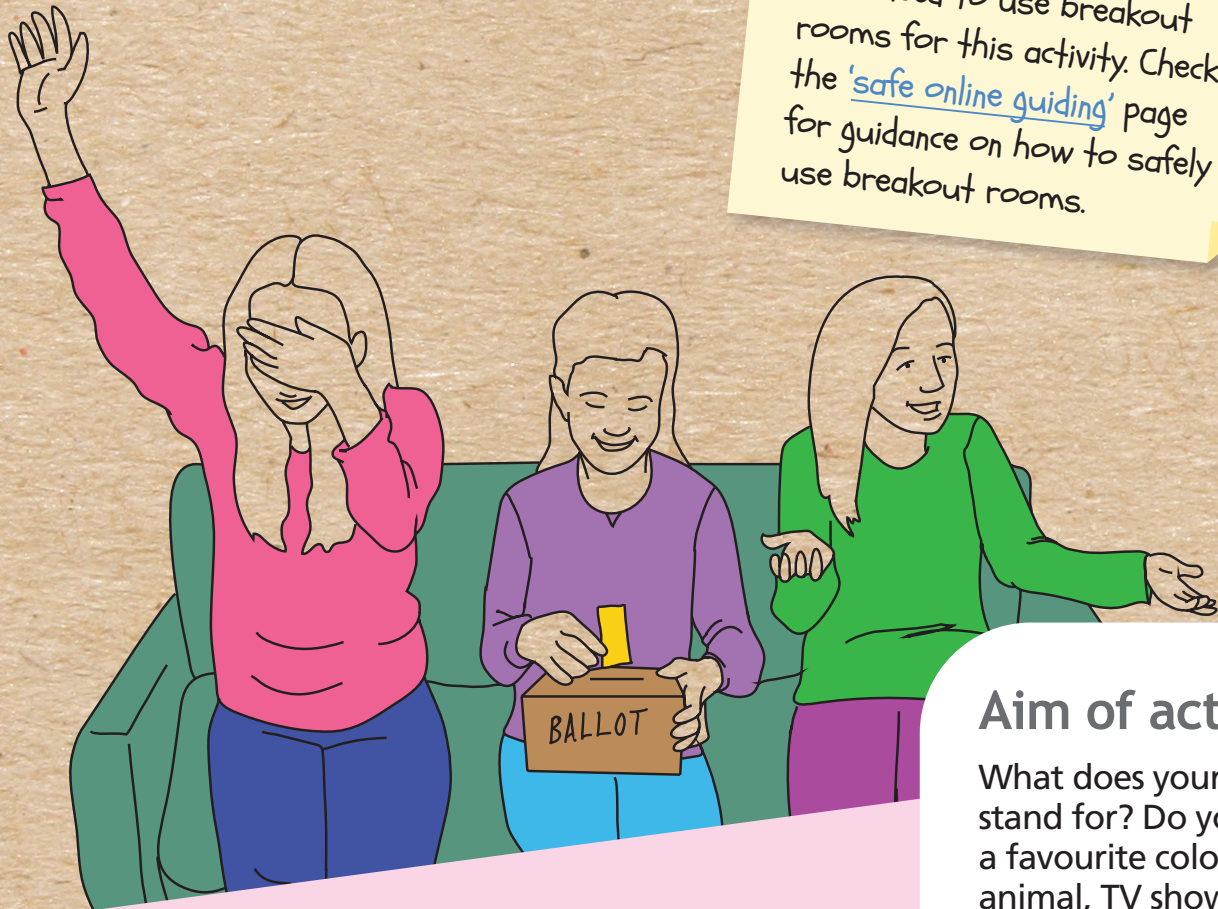
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Skills builder

Check out the [adaptation ideas](#) on the Girlguiding website for help.

You'll need to use breakout rooms for this activity. Check the ['safe online guiding'](#) page for guidance on how to safely use breakout rooms.



## Aim of activity

What does your group stand for? Do you have a favourite colour, animal, TV show or food? It's time to take a vote and see if you can iron out any disagreements!

## What you'll get out of it

- Know how to reach an agreement.
- Discover different ways of voting.

## What you'll need

- Paper
- Pens
- ~~A small box, like an empty tissue box~~
- ~~Small slips of paper~~

You'll need to use a whiteboard function to run this activity virtually. Check the ['Virtual guiding - what platform to use?'](#) page for advice on how to do this.



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Vote two - Girls can close their eyes to keep it a secret.

Vote three - Use the whiteboard to write out the subjects. Get girls to write their name under the lesson they want and move it if they change their mind.

Your group is unique and so is everybody in it. This is great, but it can also lead to disagreements. A good leader can bring different views together and help everyone make a collective decision. A good way to do this is to vote.

## What to do

**1** You're going to try out four different voting methods. For each one, choose someone to be the leader for that vote.

### Vote method one

Vote by a show of hands to decide the only TV show that will ever be shown until the end of time.

- The vote leader will ask the group for TV show suggestions and write down the first five.
- Then the vote leader will call out the options one by one. When she calls your favourite, raise your hand - you can only vote once!
- The vote leader will tally up your votes and announce the winning show.

### Vote method two

Hold a secret ballot to decide if people should be allowed to work from the age of 12 rather than stay in school.

- Have a chat about the issue and come up with a list of pros and cons.
- Each take a piece of paper and write on it 'allowed' or 'not allowed.'
- Fold your paper and place it in the small box. Remember to keep it a secret!
- The vote leader will count the votes and announce the decision.

### Vote method three

Decide and vote by publicly debating which is the only subject that should ever be taught in school.

- Call out different school subjects and the vote leader will write five on separate pieces of paper and stick them around the space.
- Move to the lesson you want to vote for.
- Go around the space and at each subject each voter explain why they chose that one.
- Vote again to see if you managed to persuade anyone else to join you.
- Did anybody move? The subject with the most people standing by it wins.

### Vote method four

To decide the one country you're all going to live in for the rest of your lives (it has to be different to the one you live in now), your vote leader will make the decision for you.

- Get into small groups and talk together about which country you'd choose.
- The vote leader will move around the space and listen to each group.
- After five minutes come back together as one group. The vote leader will make a decision based on what she heard.

**2** Finally, as a group, talk about which way of voting you liked most. Did you agree with all the decisions made? As a leader, how do you think you would reach an agreement in a group? Take a vote to see if you all agree!

Vote four - Use breakout rooms for the groups. While girls are in the rooms they could also come up with a new digital voting method.