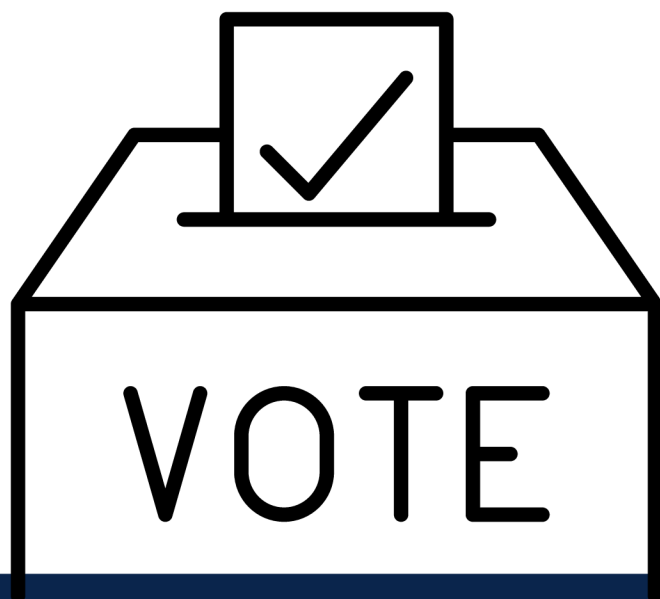


ELECTION DAY

Activity Book

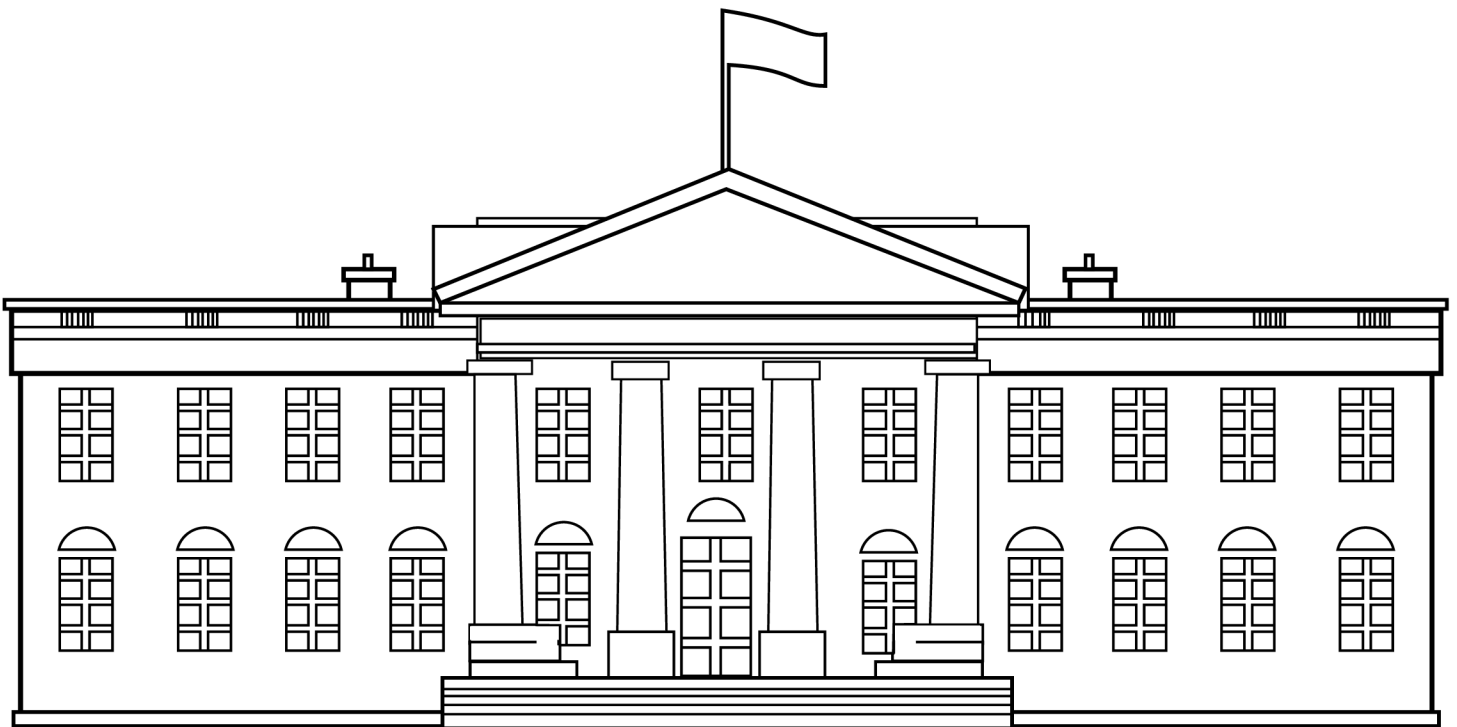


What is voting?

Voting helps make important decisions. You might even vote without realizing it! Does your family ever “vote” on which restaurant to eat at or what TV show to watch? Just like your family votes to decide things, we vote to have a say in what happens in our school, city, county, state, and country.

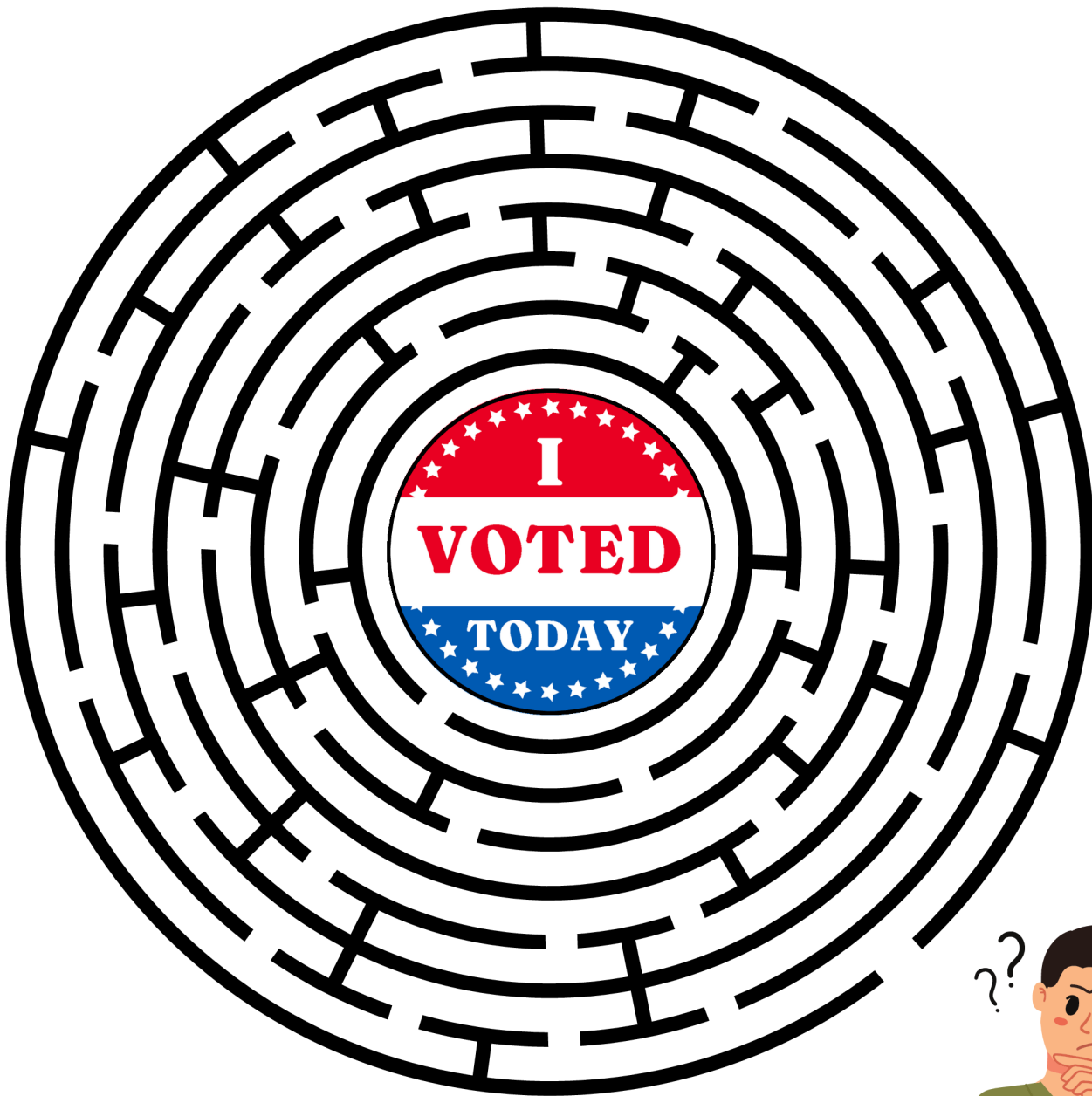
Our vote is our voice. It’s how we let people know what we want. Since we can’t hold a vote for every decision in our communities, we choose representatives to make decisions on behalf of the people they represent.

U.S. Citizens over 18 years old can sign up to vote for the President and other representatives in charge of making important decisions for our communities.



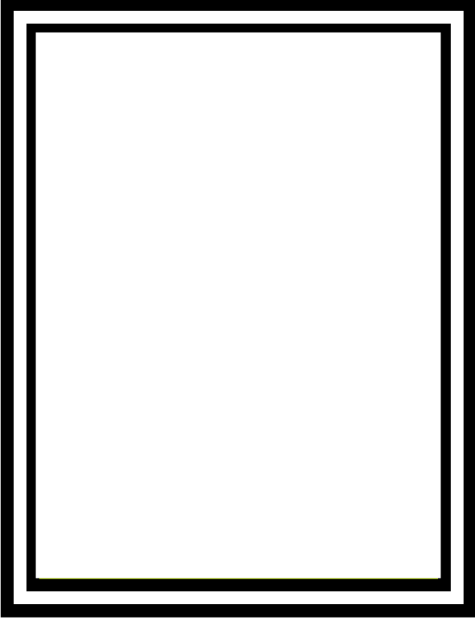
“I Voted” Sticker Maze Challenge

Can you help the voter get to their sticker?



“I Voted” stickers are an important part of the election process. Voters can show their friends and family their stickers to remind them to vote too. Just remember: voters cannot take a picture with their sticker until they are away from the polling place.

Create Your Own Photo ID

Photo ID	
	First Name _____
	Last Name _____
	Date Issued _____
	Signature _____

DID YOU KNOW?

The only thing a person needs to take with them to vote is a photo ID. A photo ID is a card, like a driver's license, that a person shows to prove who they are when signing in.

Election Vocabulary

Ballot: Contains all the contests, candidates and questions a person is allowed to vote on. In San Patricio County, voters make choices on a machine that prints their answers. Then, voters take it to another machine that scans the paper.

Candidate: a person running for an elected office.

Early voting: Voting that takes place before Election Day.

Election Day: the last day people can vote. Election Day is always the first Tuesday in November

Election worker: a person who works at a polling place to support the voting process. You can sign up to be an election worker when you turn 16!

Mail ballot: a ballot that is mailed to a voter so they can mark it at home and return before the election is over. In Texas, voters need a reason to ask for a mail ballot. (not everyone can have one)

Photo ID: a card, like a driver's license, that a voter shows to prove who they are when checking in to vote.

Polling place: a building where people vote. In San Patricio County, voters can choose any polling place to cast their vote.

Voter registration: The process by which eligible citizens sign up to vote. In Texas, you can register to vote two months before you turn 18 years old!

Election

Word Search



Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?

R	W	A	E	N	P	T	V	C	R	P	S
E	O	B	S	L	S	H	E	S	E	H	C
G	R	R	M	T	E	A	U	N	G	O	A
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A	E	A	R	L	Y	V	O	T	I	N	G

CANDIDATE

ELECTION

MAIL BALLOT

PHOTO ID

VOTER

POLLING PLACE

REGISTER

STICKER

WORKER

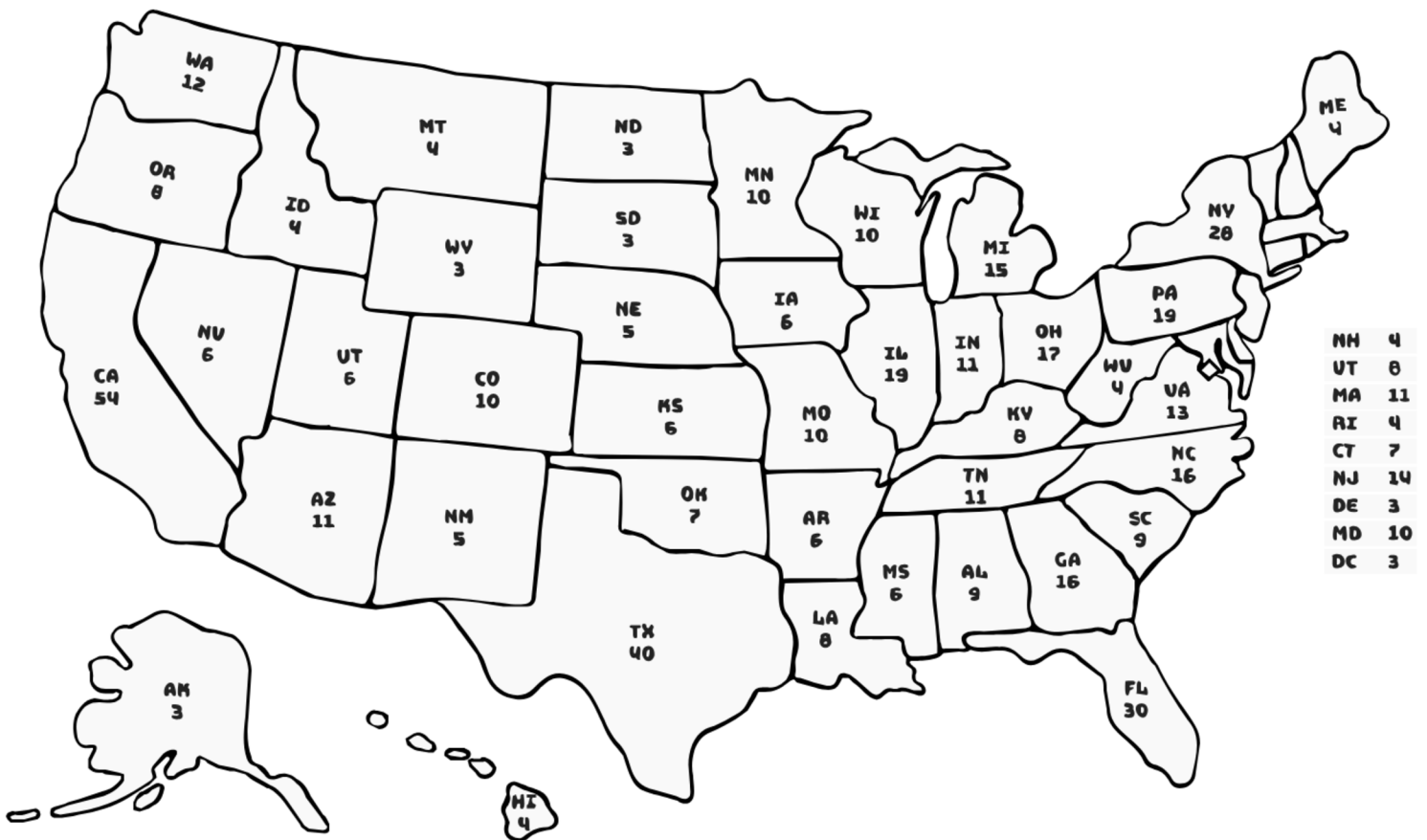
BALLOT

EARLY VOTING

MAP

Electoral College Map

Color each state.



The Electoral College decides who will be the next President. Unlike most elections, the President is not decided with who gets the most votes across the country. Instead, a group of people (called electors) from each state vote for the president.

When people vote for president they are really voting for an elector from their state. Each state has a certain number of electors. These electors then vote for president. The first person to gets 270 votes wins.

