

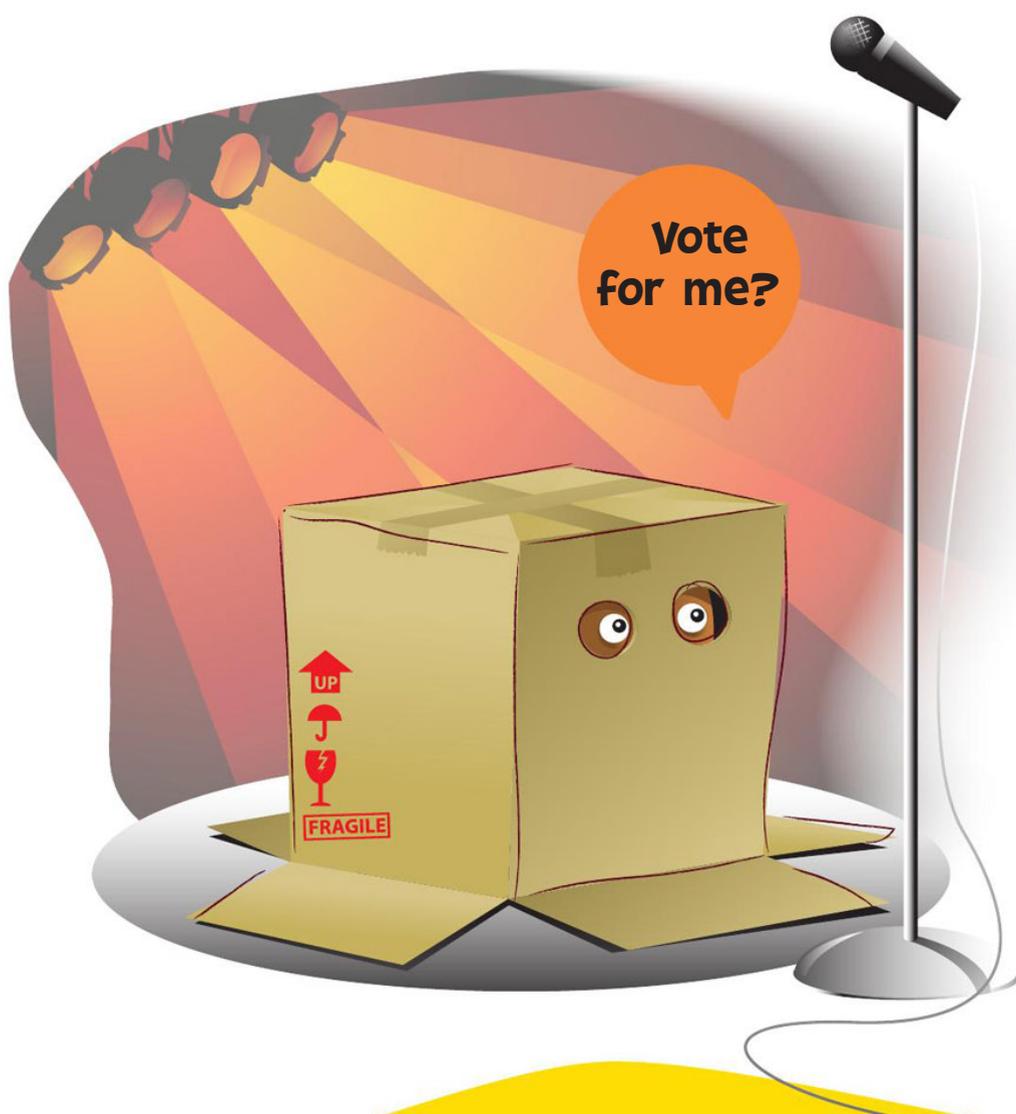
What Is an Election?



Vote Katy!

It was time for a new student council. Katy wanted to be president of the council, but she had to get elected first. She decided to make posters for her campaign. Katy loved posters!

One thing Katy didn't love was public speaking. And for this election, she would have to give a speech. She'd have to stand in front of the whole school. What did people want from their president?





“What can student council do better?” Katy asked over and over. She asked students. She asked teachers. She even asked Mr. Knots, the principal.

Everybody wanted something different. Teachers wanted students to work hard and have fun while they learned. Students wanted longer recesses. Mr. Knots wanted people to keep the school clean! On one issue, teachers and kids agreed. They wanted new grass for the playing fields.

Katy knew what to say. She got busy writing.





Speech day arrived at last. Mr. Knots spoke first. “Remember to think about what people say they will do for the school,” he said. “Can the candidates keep their promises? Do they have the power to do the things they say they will?”

Juan was the first candidate. “We need longer recess,” he said. “Vote for me, and I’ll make sure you have more time to play!” He also promised ice cream with lunch once a week. More and more candidates spoke. They all promised fun things. Katy wondered if they could keep their promises.





Finally, Katy's turn came. She took a deep breath. "We need new grass for our playing fields," she began. "The grass we have now is dead. When the wind blows, it picks up a lot of dirt. It is not safe for us. Mr. Knots has approved this change." Everyone clapped—they thought it was a good idea!

After the speeches, students cast their votes. Mr. Knots counted them. Katy won the election! The students liked that she made a promise she could keep.



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