

# Vote 100 Persuasive Writing

To write a persuasive text using evidence and facts.

In 1918, women were allowed to vote in the UK for the first time. In 1928, the Representation of the People Act finally gave men and women democratic equality, with all people aged over 21 having the right to vote. The current voting age is 18 but some people believe this should now be lowered to 16.



## Instructions

1. Your task is to write a persuasive text in support of lowering the voting age to 16.
2. Use these things to help you:
  - use an introductory paragraph to explain what you are arguing for;
  - think of 3 or 4 reasons why 16 year olds should be able to vote;
  - give evidence and facts for each of these reasons;
  - use a final paragraph to sum up your argument.
3. Remember to:
  - use rhetorical questions;
  - use powerful adjectives;
  - use words which imply agreement e.g. obviously, without doubt, of course.
4. Your text could be a letter to your MP (you could even send it to them; they might reply!), a leaflet or a campaign poster.