

Who Chooses?

Read about election and appointment as ways to select public officials.

2.9.C “identify ways that public officials are selected, including election and appointment to office; and”

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline sentences that tell about an election and circle sentences that tell about an appointment, so you can compare the two ways officials are selected.

Choosing Community Leaders

- ① Public officials help a community. A mayor may lead city meetings. School board members make choices for public schools. People can become public officials in more than one way. Two common ways are election and appointment.
- ② In an election, people who are allowed to vote choose among candidates. Candidates are people who want the job. Voters mark ballots, and the candidate with the most votes wins. A city might elect its mayor or council members.
- ③ In an appointment, a public official chooses someone for an open job. For example, a governor may appoint a new judge when a judge leaves. The person is not chosen by voters for that job. Appointments can fill jobs quickly.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How is a public official chosen in an election?

2 Who may appoint a new judge, and when might this happen?

3 Which way can fill an open job quickly, election or appointment?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Create a pretend town. Write two sentences. Tell how voters select one public official in an election, then tell how another public official is selected by appointment and name who makes the appointment.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline sentences that tell about an election and circle sentences that tell about an appointment, so you can compare the two ways officials are selected. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How is a public official chosen in an election?	People who are allowed to vote choose among candidates. The candidate with the most votes wins.
2	Who may appoint a new judge, and when might this happen?	A governor may appoint a new judge when a judge leaves.
3	Which way can fill an open job quickly, election or appointment?	Appointment.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

In my pretend town, voters elect a library board member by choosing the candidate they want. The mayor appoints a new parks director, so the mayor chooses the person for the job.

Accept answers that correctly show voters choosing a candidate in an election and a public official choosing a person in an appointment. For the open response, accept reasonable invented public jobs if both selection methods are correctly described.