

Yr 9: Voting in Australia

Modelling:

Modelling is a vital part of learning as it helps students to construct meaning from structured processes.

Polling:

Allow students to actively participate in lessons and provide the teacher with instant feedback.

The screenshot shows a lesson page titled "Voting in Australia" with the following content:

- Coat of arms of Australia.
- Two red-bordered boxes containing PowerPoint icons and the text "count_me_in" and "vote_its_important".
- A photograph of a hand putting a ballot into a box.
- A green-bordered box containing text: "The following PowerPoint uses the 'Microsoft Mouse Mischief' function which will allow your teacher to determine your understanding of the Australian Voting System: Are you smarter than your classmates?" with an arrow pointing to a "Voting" PowerPoint icon.
- Text: "The electoral roll is a list of all people who are registered to vote in Australian elections. In Australia, all citizens 18 years old and over must enrol to vote. It is compulsory by law to enrol and compulsory by law to attend a polling place at election time."
- Text: "Seventeen year olds may provisionally enrol and will be able to vote if their 18th birthday falls on or before polling day."
- Text: "1. What do you think about the 17 year old minimum? Do you think it should be lowered to 16 years? Why/why not?"
- Text: "The following people are not entitled to enroll and vote:"
 - prisoners serving a sentence of five years or more
 - people who have been convicted of treason and not pardoned
 - people who are incapable of understanding the nature and significance of enrolment and voting (for example intellectually impaired).
- A red-bordered box containing text: "Click on the Australian flag to learn about the preferential voting system." with an arrow pointing to a cartoon character looking at the Australian flag on a building.
- Text: "While listening to the guest speaker from the Australian Electoral Commission use the following document to record the main points. These points will form the basis of future class discussions." with an arrow pointing to a "voting_tool" document icon.

Annotations include a large black arrow pointing from the "Modelling" box to the "Voting in Australia" title, and another black arrow pointing from the "Polling" box to the green-bordered box.

Discussion:

Promote greater comprehension by asking students to analyse a subject and verbally reiterate it in their own words focussing on the main points and their own opinions.