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VOCABULARY PRACTICE

PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Match each word with its meaning.

1 government	____	a a rule that everyone in a country must follow
2 election	____	b the leader of a town or city
3 voter	____	c a person who votes
4 candidate	____	d a group of elected people who make laws
5 political party	____	e a time when people choose their leaders
6 parliament	____	f a person who wants people to elect them
7 law	____	g the head of government in many countries
8 president	____	h the people who run a country
9 prime minister	____	i a group with the same political ideas
10 mayor	____	j the head of state in a republic

2 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

candidate | election | government | law | mayor | parliament | political party | vote

1 Adults can _____ in an election.

2 A person who wants to be elected is a _____.

3 The members of _____ discuss and make laws.

4 The _____ is the leader of a town or city.

5 People chose a new president in the last _____.

6 The _____ runs the country.

7 A group of people with the same political ideas is a _____.

8 Everyone in the country must follow the _____.

3 Choose the correct word or phrase.

1 People who vote are *voters / candidates*.

2 In a republic, the head of state is usually a *president / mayor*.

3 A king or queen is the head of state in a *monarchy / parliament*.

4 A candidate asks people to *vote for / make* them.

5 Parliament makes *laws / elections*.

6 A local council works for a *town or city / whole country*.

7 On election day, voters go to a *polling station / court*.

8 The party with the most seats may form the *government / ballot paper*.

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4 Match each public institution with what happens there.

1 parliament	____	a Police officers work here.
2 town hall	____	b People borrow books and find information here.
3 court	____	c Elected members discuss national laws here.
4 police station	____	d It represents one country in another country.
5 embassy	____	e Judges decide legal cases here.
6 public library	____	f People use local public services here.

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false). Correct the false sentences.

A local election in Greenhill

Greenhill is having a local election next Saturday. People will choose a new mayor. There are two candidates: Nina Kovac and Leo Marin. Nina works at a school and wants more buses and safer cycle paths. Leo owns a small shop and wants lower parking costs and a larger market. The polling station is in the town hall. It is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Every voter receives a ballot paper and chooses one candidate. Council workers count the votes after 7 p.m. The result comes on the same evening. The winner works with the local council for four years.

1 This is a national election. T / F _____

2 People will choose a new mayor. T / F _____

3 There are three candidates. T / F _____

4 Nina wants better buses and safer cycle paths. T / F _____

5 People vote at the town hall. T / F _____

6 The winner works alone for four years. T / F _____

6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in capitals.

1 Every _____ receives a ballot paper. **VOTE**

2 People will _____ a new council next week. **ELECTION**

3 The country needs a stable _____. **GOVERN**

4 The mayor is the _____ of the local council. **LEAD**

OVER TO YOU

You are a candidate for mayor. Choose three ideas and prepare a 45-60 second speech. Then write **70-90 words**.

Ideas: better buses | cleaner parks | safer streets | longer library opening hours | a new sports centre | lower parking costs

Use: **I want to...** **I think...** **Our town needs...** [ ] Use at least five words from this worksheet.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Match the words and meanings

1 **h** 2 **e** 3 **c** 4 **f** 5 **i** 6 **d** 7 **a** 8 **j** 9 **g** 10 **b**

2 Complete the sentences

1 **vote** 2 **candidate** 3 **parliament** 4 **mayor** 5 **election** 6 **government** 7 **political party** 8 **law**

3 Choose the correct word or phrase

1 **voters** 2 **president** 3 **monarchy** 4 **vote for** 5 **laws** 6 **town or city** 7 **polling station** 8 **government**

4 Public institutions

1 c	parliament - national laws	**4 a**	police station - police officers
2 f	town hall - local services	**5 d**	embassy - represents a country
3 e	court - legal cases	**6 b**	public library - books and information

5 Reading

1 **F** - It is a local election.
2 **T**
3 **F** - There are two candidates.
4 **T**
5 **T**
6 **F** - The winner works with the local council.

6 Word families

1 **voter** 2 **elect** 3 **government** 4 **leader**

Over to you: Answers will vary. Check that the learner presents three clear ideas, uses simple linking words and includes at least five target words correctly.