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# How the voting system works

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# Senedd elections



Senedd elections are changing.



The number of Members of Senedd is going up, from 60 to 96.



Wales will be split into 16 voting areas – called **constituencies**.



Each voting area will choose 6 Members of Senedd.

# How it works



The way votes are counted in Senedd elections is changing.



Everyone in Wales gets 1 vote.



You can vote for a **political party** or an **independent candidate**.



A **political party** is a group of people that share the same ideas about how to run the country.



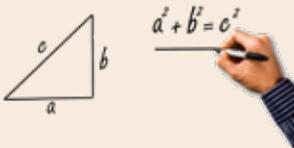
**Independent candidates** are people who do not belong to a political party.



There are **6 seats** to win in each voting area.



The political party or independent candidate with the most votes will win the first seat.



Then maths is used see to see who wins the rest of the seats.



This is done to make sure the number of seats a party wins matches the way people voted.



For example, if half of the people in a voting area votes for Party A - Party A will win half of the seats – 3 seats.



The other seats are divided between political parties and candidates to match the share of votes they got.

# UK Parliament elections



UK Parliament elections use a different voting system. It is called First Past the Post.



You have 1 vote. You vote for the candidate you want to represent your voting area.



The candidates with the most votes win.



You can watch this YouTube video to find out more about voting systems: [youtube.com/watch?v=5rPOXt-ZfsY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rPOXt-ZfsY)