

Preferential Voting Explained

Years 5–6 | Ages 8–13 with support | 20 minutes

A preference is an order of choice. Each ballot counts for one option at a time.



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| 1
Science Show | 2
Giant Slide | 3
Petting Zoo | 4
Games Arcade |
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1 is the first choice. Later numbers say where the ballot can go if needed.

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Science Show is excluded because it has the fewest votes.



NEXT AVAILABLE CHOICE

The ballot goes to Giant Slide if it is still in the count.

For a simplified House-style election, an option needs more than half of all formal votes. Repeatedly exclude the lowest option and transfer its ballots if nobody has a majority.

If Giant Slide is also already excluded, which choice gets this ballot?

There are 20 formal ballots. More than half means at least ____ votes.