

# The Mini Page

**Next Week:**  
Our states:  
Alabama

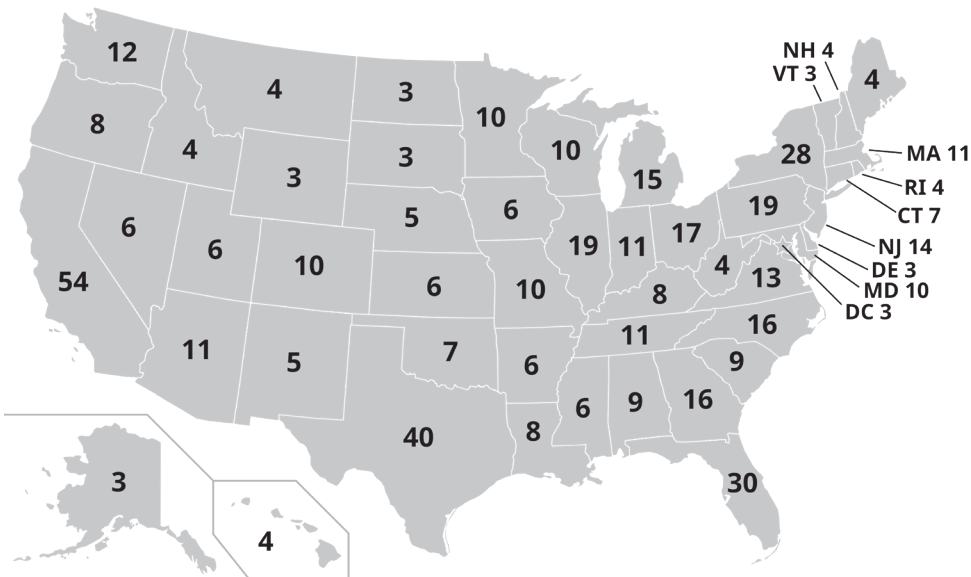
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## Time To Vote

### Mini Fact:

About 66% of people who were eligible to vote in 2020 went to the polls.



On election night, follow the results online, on TV or on the radio. Color in blue each state that votes Democrat. Color Republican states in red. Circle your state.

The map shows how many electoral votes each state gets.

Nov. 5, 2024, is Election Day. People 18 and older will vote for president and vice president of the United States, along with other offices. The candidates from each party run as a team. They are on the same **ticket**.

Our country uses the **Electoral College** system of voting for president. Each state is allotted a certain number of votes, called **electoral votes**.

The votes cast by individuals are called the **popular vote**. This week, The Mini Page learns more about how this system works.

### The Electoral College

Voting is a citizen's most important duty. But there is another step after individuals vote. It is called the Electoral College.

This is not a college with a campus and

students. Another meaning for "college" is a group that meets and has special duties.

The Electoral College has the duty to elect the president of the United States. Its members vote based on how the people in each state voted.

### Electoral votes

Each state gets a number of electoral votes equal to the number of members it has in the U.S. Congress. For example:

North Carolina has 14 representatives and two senators, so it gets 16 electoral votes.

The political parties in each state nominate a set of electors equal to the state's number of members of Congress. So North Carolina has 16 Republican and 16 Democratic electors.

If the popular vote goes for the Republican candidate in that state, the Republican electors cast their votes for him or her.

The electoral votes total 538. This number is based on the total number of members of Congress.

### Voting day

On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, voters go to the polls. The winning ticket in each state gets all of that state's electoral votes (except in Maine and Nebraska, where the electoral vote may be split between the candidates).

We usually know who the winner is on election night by counting the electoral votes. However, there are other steps to make it official.

### Presenting the votes

In December, the winning **electors**, or special voters from each state, meet in their state capitals and cast their votes. These electoral votes are put into sealed envelopes and sent to the president of the U.S. Senate.

On Jan. 6, he or she opens the envelopes. The results are read before a meeting of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.



## Resources



### On the Web:

- [youtu.be/W9H3gvnN468](https://youtu.be/W9H3gvnN468)

### At the library:

- "The Electoral College: A Kid's Guide" by Cari Meister

## Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of the Electoral College are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



- CANDIDATE, CAPITALS,
- CITIZEN, COLLEGE,
- CONGRESS, DEMOCRAT,
- DUTY, ELECTORAL,
- ELIGIBLE, MEMBERS,
- PARTY, POPULAR,
- PRESIDENT, REPUBLICAN,
- RESULTS, STATE, TICKET,
- VOTE.

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## Cook's Corner

### All-American Apple Cobbler

#### You'll need:

- 6 apples, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3 tablespoons water

- 1 tablespoon plus 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, melted



#### What to do:

1. Combine first four ingredients, plus 1 tablespoon flour, in a medium bowl. Mix well.
2. Placed in a 9-by-12-inch greased casserole dish.
3. Combine 1 cup flour and remaining ingredients in a medium bowl. Mix well.
4. Crumble brown sugar topping evenly over apples.
5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 45 minutes or until topping is slightly browned. Serves 8.

\* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

## 7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.



1. response to a question (6) \_\_\_\_\_
2. unfamiliar person (8) \_\_\_\_\_
3. leftover pieces (6) \_\_\_\_\_
4. without a flaw (7) \_\_\_\_\_
5. middle of your hand (4) \_\_\_\_\_
6. pay no attention to (6) \_\_\_\_\_
7. animal with a long neck (7) \_\_\_\_\_

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| GER | GIRA | SW  | PA  |
| IGN | PERF | ORE | ER  |
| FFE | AN   | LM  | APS |
| SCR | ECT  | STR | ER  |

Answers: answer, stranger, perfect, scraps, perfect, palm, ignore, giraffe.

## Mini Jokes



- Ernie:** Where do polar bears vote?  
**Donny:** The North Poll!

## Eco Note



Nearly 1 person in 3 around the world is now suffering from an increased number of hot nights brought on by human-induced climate change, according to a new study. It also found that around 2.4 billion people have experienced at least two weeks of temperatures that didn't fall below 77 degrees at night over the past decade. The United Nations says this is just above the threshold where sleep often becomes uncomfortable for humans. The Indian city of Mumbai endured 60 more days of hot nights than normal during the past 10 years.

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### For later:

Look in your newspaper for articles about the upcoming presidential election.

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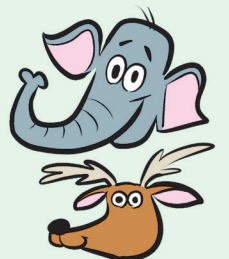


## KidSpot

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Erin found that she could jumble up the names of the wild creatures listed below. How many can you unravel?

1. ART
2. TAB
3. LOIN
4. SALE
5. BALM
6. SNEAK



ANS: 1. RAT, 2. BAT, 3. LION, 4. SEAL, 5. LAMB, 6. SNAKE