Vocabulary

Voting and elections

4 Replace the words in bold with the words/phrases in the box.

coalition implement nominated a recount
re-elected referendum

1 Every major political party has **chosen** _____ a person for each area.
2 The losing party has demanded **calculating the number of votes again** _____ .
3 Benita Smith has been **voted for again** _____ in the local elections.
4 The government will hold a second **election to find out opinions** _____ on changes to tax laws.
5 Two parties will have to form a **union** _____ to get a majority in government.
6 The government have said they will **act upon** _____ the results of the referendum.

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5 Choose the correct option a, b, or c.

Unusual facts about elections

In India, there are so many people who need to [1]_____ their vote during the election that polling [2]_____ are open for several days over several weeks.

In Australia, voter [3]_____ is always high as voting is compulsory. Those who don't vote face a fine.

In the small country of Liechtenstein, referendums are [4]_____ to decide whether people who have moved to the country can receive citizenship.

In Buffalo, New York, USA, a single vote determined the winner of the House of Representatives. There was a [5]_____ and the winner was given slightly more votes.

In Sparta in Ancient Greece, the [6]_____ system for the assembly involved shouting. People who wished to join would stand up and people would shout if they thought they were worthy. The people with the loudest shouts got in.

New Zealand was the first place to offer all women the right to vote. Prior to 1893, women had no [7]_____ in what happened in politics.

In the 19th century in the UK, the elected prime minister was just 21. His main rival was just 19 when he was first [8]_____ and then elected.

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