

Mayor of London Practice Ballot Paper

Easy Read Guide



Understanding this ballot paper



A **ballot paper** is a form that people fill out to show their choice about important things. This ballot paper is for you to choose who you want to be the next **Mayor of London**.

The Mayor of London makes sure London runs as best as it can. An election is held every 4 years for the public to choose who the next Mayor is.



The Mayor is in charge of lots of things which affect the everyday lives of many people in London, such as transport, police, the fire service and social care.



They are also in charge of housing, jobs, the NHS, the environment, arts and culture, and other issues, such as how London spends its money.



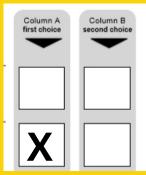
There is a box below the title. This box tells you how to vote on the ballot paper by marking an **X** next to the person you want to choose. You are allowed to choose 2 people.



Below this box are the names of the people who want to be your next Mayor of London. Next to their name, it shows you what **political party** they agree with.



A political party is a group of ordinary people who join together because they have similar ideas about how they want to help people.



To make your vote, you must put an **X** in the 1st column to tell us who you most want to be the Mayor. If you like 2 people, put an **X** in the 2nd column to show us who your second choice is. You do not have to choose 2 people.

What happens next



Once you have made your choice, you must post the ballot paper in the ballot box. There will be people to show you where this is if you need help.



All the ballot papers get counted and the person who gets the most votes will become the Mayor of London.

Below, you can practice filling out a pretend ballot paper.

