



Taiwan's Democracy

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Taiwan is a small island in Asia. Millions of people live there. Taiwan has a **democracy**. A democracy means the people help choose their own leaders. Long ago, Taiwan was not free like this. People could not pick their leaders. Today, things are very different, and the people have more power.

In a democracy, people **vote**. When they vote, they pick the person they like best. Each person gets one vote, and every vote counts. Adults who are 20 years old or older can vote in Taiwan. On voting day, they go to a school or hall to make their choice.

Taiwan holds a big **election** every four years. In this election, the people choose a new **president**. The president is the top leader of the whole country. The president helps make important decisions for all the people. Many people feel excited on election day.

The **government** has many other leaders too. These leaders help make the laws. Good laws keep people safe and happy. Citizens can talk about the laws in the open. They can say if they like them or not. No one goes to jail for speaking.

Taiwan is proud of its democracy. People have the freedom to speak and to write. They can read many different newspapers. Voting day is usually calm and peaceful. Taiwan shows the world that a small country can be free and strong.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. democracy ____ | a. rule that everyone in a country must follow |
| 2. vote ____ | b. being able to do, say, or think what you want |
| 3. election ____ | c. person who guides or is in charge of a group |
| 4. president ____ | d. special day when people vote to choose leaders |
| 5. government ____ | e. group of leaders who run a country and make laws |
| 6. citizen ____ | f. calm and quiet, with no fighting |
| 7. freedom ____ | g. system where the people choose their leaders by voting |
| 8. leader ____ | h. to pick a leader or choice by marking a paper or button |
| 9. law ____ | i. top leader of a country |
| 10. peaceful ____ | j. person who belongs to a country |

B. True or False

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| ____ 1. Taiwan is a small island in Asia. | ____ 2. In a democracy, the people help choose their leaders. |
| ____ 3. In Taiwan, children can vote for the president. | ____ 4. Each person in Taiwan gets one vote. |

___ 5. Taiwan holds a big election every ten years.

___ 7. The government leaders help make the laws.

___ 9. People in Taiwan can read many different newspapers.

___ 6. The president is the top leader of the country.

___ 8. People in Taiwan go to jail for speaking their ideas.

___ 10. Voting day in Taiwan is usually full of fighting.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: democracy, vote, election, president, government, freedom, law, peaceful

1. In a _____, the people help choose their own leaders.

2. Each adult can _____ for the person they like best.

3. Taiwan holds a big _____ every four years.

4. The _____ is the top leader of the whole country.

5. The leaders in the _____ help make the laws.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. What does a democracy let the people do?

2. How often does Taiwan hold a big election for president?

3. Why are good laws important in Taiwan?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think it is good for people to be able to vote?

2. If you were a leader of a country, what is one law you would make and why?



Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-g, 2-h, 3-d, 4-i, 5-e, 6-j, 7-b, 8-c, 9-a, 10-f

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-T, 3-F, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T, 10-F

C. Fill Blanks: 1-democracy, 2-vote, 3-election, 4-president, 5-government

D. Comprehension:

1. A democracy lets the people help choose their own leaders by voting.
2. Taiwan holds a big election for president every four years.
3. Good laws are important because they keep people safe and happy.

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