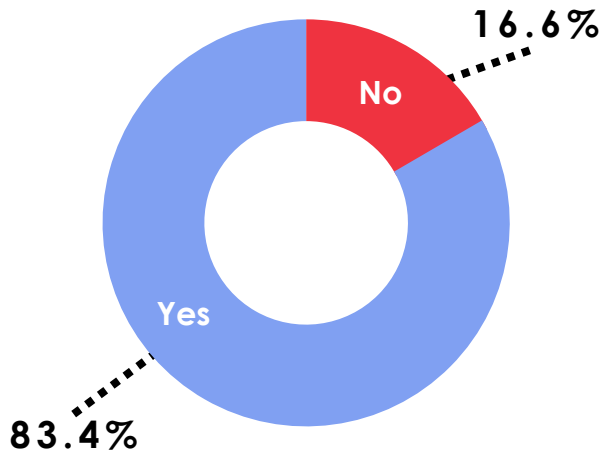
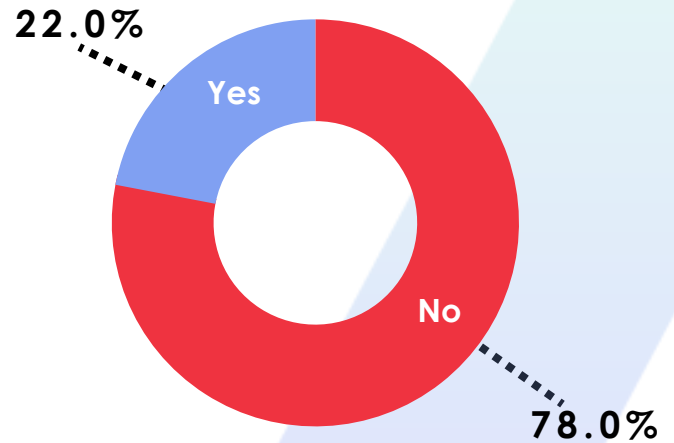


## YOUR LATEST RESULTS

5-7: Do you want more renewable energy?



7-11: Should the UK open new oil fields?



*This VoteTopic received 60,977 total votes.*

## THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTIONS

5-7: Is it good to change who is in charge?

7-11: Is it time to call a general election?

- What do you know about general elections?
- Is it helpful to change who is in charge of the country when there are problems?
- Do you think calling a general election early would help with the problems that the UK faces at the moment?

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

- *"That's not what the country wants [...] What people want is politicians making a difference to their lives."*  
- Rishi Sunak, Prime Minister.
- *"I'm not going to predict the outcome of the general election, nor when it will be. Though obviously it will either be May or October, and our team is ready for May."*  
- Sir Keir Starmer, leader of the Labour Party.

## A CLOSER LOOK: POLLING DAY



Whenever we have an election, we have a polling day. This is a time when everyone over the age of 18 can vote for the political party that they want to lead the country. But have you ever noticed that it is always on a Thursday? It hasn't always been this way. Before 1918, voting used to take place over a few days. People realised that the public were voting for the party that was already winning, so they started keeping the voting to just one day.

Friday was a day that people liked to see friends and spend some of their weekly pay, while Sunday was ruled out because of worries that people would vote based on what they heard in Church.

From 1931, polling days have almost all been on Thursdays.

### YOUR GUIDED READING QUESTIONS

- What happens on a polling day?
- On which day of the week is polling day held?
- When did voting take place over a few days?
- Why was it decided to not hold elections on a Friday?
- True or false: Every election has been held on a Thursday since 1965.

## THIS WEEK'S OTHER NEWS STORIES

### Charities call for children's safety

As fighting continues in Israel and Gaza, charities and world leaders have said that children must be kept safe. Hundreds of thousands of people have now left their homes, but shelter and food are in short supply.



### Greta Thunberg arrested

Climate campaigner Greta Thunberg has been arrested after attending a protest in London on 17th October. She was protesting the use of fossil fuels and has been accused of breaking part of the Public Order Act.



### Food prices finally fall

Research has shown that food prices in September fell for the first time in two years; this includes products like milk, cheese, and eggs. However, petrol prices have gone up by 5.1p per litre in the last month.



### The British Museum goes digital

After over 2,000 objects went missing from The British Museum's collection, they have now announced plans to put all their artefacts online so anyone can explore them. The museum said this will take five years to complete.



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