

## How Does the Primary Process Work?

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Read the following resource, then do the activities below:

[How Does the Primary Process Work?](http://www.vote-smart.org/election_president_how_primary_works.php)

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**Color the circle next to the words that best complete each of the following statements.**

1. Caucuses and primaries are the methods used by states' political parties to  
 a. choose delegates to the national conventions.  
 b. vote for the president in November.  
 c. register citizens to vote.  
 d. all of the above.
2. Democratic and Republican caucuses  
 a. have been used to select candidates for a long time.  
 b. have become less common since the early 1900's.  
 c. are usually open to any voter in the party.  
 d. all of the above.
3. An open primary differs from a closed primary in that  
 a. open primaries are open to voters of only one political party.  
 b. open primaries are open to all registered voters.  
 c. open primaries allow voters to vote as many times as they want.  
 d. none of the above.
4. The Democratic Party uses the proportional method of awarding delegates. For example, if a state is allowed to send 10 delegates to the Democratic national convention, and if half the people of a state cast their primary votes for Candidate A and half voted for Candidate B, then  
 a. each candidate would receive 2 delegates.  
 b. each candidate would receive 5 delegates.  
 c. each candidate would receive 10 delegates.  
 d. none of the above.

**Read each statement below. Color the circle next to the T if the statement is true. Color the circle next to the F if the statement is false.**

5. Caucuses and primaries are one step in the process of determining which candidate will represent each party in November's presidential election.  T  F
6. In state primaries, voters gather for a meeting to choose their party's candidate.  T  F
7. In states that use closed primaries, a member of the Democratic Party is not allowed to vote in the Republican primary.  T  F
8. In some states, the Republican Party uses a winner-take-all approach to awarding delegates.  T  F
9. In states that use open primaries, a voter is able to vote in both the Republican and Democratic primaries.  T  F
10. Some states use a combination of primaries and caucuses.  T  F