

Elections in Canada

Complete the second column in the chart below to describe the process of elections in Canada. The first answer has been completed for you. Use information in your text to make sure your answers are correct:

Active Citizen, pages 47, 50, and 51

Canadian Civics, pages 79–81

Civics Now, pages 40–41, 43–45

The Process of Elections in Canada: Before Election Day	
When do Canadian elections occur?	<p>A federal election must be called at least every 5 years.</p> <p>The prime minister chooses when these elections occur.</p>
Elections also occur in the case of a vote of non-confidence. What is a vote of non-confidence?	
What are the responsibilities of the Chief Electoral Officer?	
Describe the election campaign.	
Who can vote?	
What is an advance poll?	

Student Handouts: Unit 2 – Lesson 4

Election Day in Canada

Complete the second column in the chart below to describe the process of elections in Canada. Use information in your text to make sure your answers are correct:

Active Citizen, page 52

Canadian Civics, pages 80–81

Civics Now, page 45

The Process of Elections in Canada: On Election Day	
What are polling stations? Why do you think they are located in school gyms and community centres?	
What steps are taken to ensure that each citizen’s vote is a secret known only to him or her? Why do you think this secrecy is so important?	
State at least one strategy that is used to make sure no cheating occurs when the counting of the votes begins.	
Two clichés about voting are “every vote counts” and “it is our civic duty to vote.” Based on what you have read and your own opinion, explain why so many people believe these clichés to be true.	