

The Fight for the Vote: Ellie's History Lesson

Learning objective: To understand the role of the Suffragettes in the campaign for women's voting rights.

Read the story below carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the tricky words. Answer the questions in the boxes provided.

Ellie the elephant loves visiting the library to learn about the past. Today, she is reading about the Suffragettes. Long ago in the United Kingdom, women were not allowed to vote in elections. This meant they could not help choose the leaders of the country. Many women felt this was unfair. They wanted equality. A group of brave women called the Suffragettes decided to start a campaign to change the law. They held peaceful marches and gave speeches to tell people why women should have the vote. Some Suffragettes also held protests to make sure the government listened to them. They faced many challenges, but they did not give up. Because of their hard work and courage, the law was finally changed. In 1928, all women in the UK were given the same right to vote as men. Ellie thinks they are true heroes of history because they fought for fairness for everyone. Their story reminds us how important it is to speak up for what is right.

Word bank: Suffragette: A woman who fought for the right to vote · Vote: To choose a leader in an election · Campaign: To work hard to change something · Equality: Treating everyone fairly and the same · Protest: To show you disagree with a rule

1. What was the name of the group of women who campaigned for the right to vote? (1 mark)

2. In what year were all women in the UK finally given the right to vote? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think the women felt it was important to hold protests? (2 marks)

4. How might the women have felt while they were waiting for the law to change? (2 marks)

5. Ellie thinks the Suffragettes were heroes. Do you agree? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Suffragette holding a banner that says 'Votes for Women'.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a Suffragette. Write one sentence that you would put on your protest banner.