

The Fight for the Vote: The Suffragettes

Learning objective: To understand who the Suffragettes were and why they campaigned for women to have the right to vote.

Read the sentences carefully. Use the word bank to help you complete the sentences and answer the questions. Ask Ellie if you get stuck!

In the past, women in the UK were not allowed to vote in elections. A group of brave women, known as the Suffragettes, decided to stand up for their rights. They wanted the same chance as men to help choose who runs the country. They held meetings and marches to tell people about their ideas. They worked hard to show that women should be treated with fairness and equality.

Word bank: Suffragettes · vote · women · equality · campaign · protest

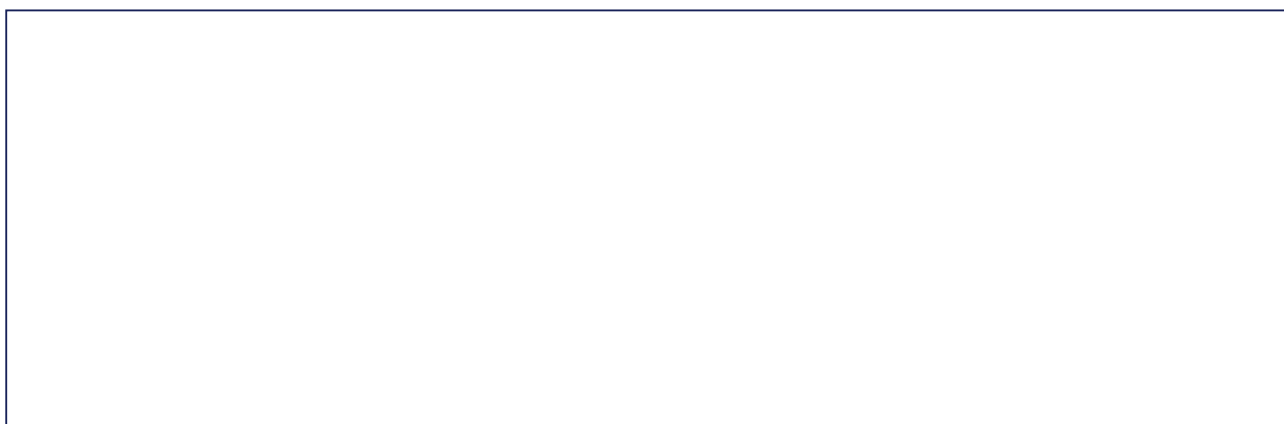
1. What is the name of the group that campaigned for women to have the right to vote? (1 mark)

2. Complete this sentence: The Suffragettes wanted the right to _____ so they could have a say in how the country was run. (1 mark)

3. Why was it important for the Suffragettes to hold a peaceful protest? (2 marks)

4. If you were a Suffragette, what word would you write on your banner to show what you want? (Example: Fairness) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Suffragette holding a banner. What does your banner say? Use bright colours to show that their message was important.



Extension challenge: Ellie the elephant has a great memory for history! Imagine you are a reporter in the year 1910. Write one sentence about why you think women should be allowed to vote.