REFERENDUM! WORKSHEET

NAME:

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How does it work? First past the post
The UK currently elects members of parliament using a system called "First past the post". You put a mark next to the candidate you want to vote for. The votes are counted and whoever gets the most votes wins. The winning candidate only needs one more vote than the second-placed candidate to be elected.

How does it work? Alternative vote
The proposed new election system is called "Alternative vote". It gives you a chance to rank the candidates in order of preference. You can write numbers next to each candidate to show your first choice, second choice etc. You can rank as many candidates as you like, or just write '1' next to one candidate.

If more than half the voters put one candidate as their first choice that candidate wins. If no candidate has more than half the votes the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. If you voted for this candidate your vote now gets transferred to your second choice.

This process continues until one candidate has more than 50% of all the votes cast.

Total number of votes:……..

Number of votes needed for a majority:……..

ELECTION RESULTS	FIRST PAST THE POST	ALTERNATIVE VOTE			
		ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4
TARQUIN McBANKER FAT CAT PARTY					
HONEST RON WHEELER DEALER PARTY					
RAVEN EARTHTREE ECO-ORGANIC PARTY					
MAD 4 IT STUDENTS-ROCK-LET'S-HAVE-A-PARTY PARTY					
MASTER YOGA JEDI PARTY					
KIT KAT O'TWIRL LIBERAL CHOCOLATISTS					