

Exercise 1

Task 1.1

Partition of the area of election

- **Federal State:** The Federal Republic of Germany is divided into its federal states.
 - Name
- **Constituency:** Every federal state is divided into constituencies.
 - Number, Name
- **Wahlbezirk:** Every constituency is again divided in to wards for voting by casting a ballot or ballot letter. The subdivision is based on number of those entitled to vote.
 - Number
- **Briefwahlbezirk:** Voting by letter is done in a Briefwahlbezirk, which is part of a constituency.
 - Number

Citizens

- **Citizens:** Every man or woman is entitled to vote unless this right is voided by court order.
 - Title, first name, last name, date of birth, sex, address etc.
- **Register:** Every constituency has register of those citizens registered there and thus the right to vote there.

Voting

- **Vote:** When casting a vote, the citizen chooses a candidate for his constituency (Erststimme) and a party for the state (Zweitstimme). Every citizen can vote exactly one time per election.
 - **Ballot:** Voting in person is done at a Wahllokal by ballot.
 - **Ballot letter:** When voting by letter or in a different Wahlbezirk this is done by ballot letter.

Candidates

- **Parties**
 - Name, Shorthand
- **Candidates:** Candidates can be members of one or more parties.
 - Name, age, party affiliation
- **Direct candidates:** Per party exactly one candidate can be nominated per constituency. This candidate may not be member in any other party. Candidates without party affiliations are possible.
- **State candidates:** Every party running in a state presents a list of candidates with a defined order.

