

Two democracies

Direct democracy	Representative democracy
<p>In Ancient Athens there were about 45,000 citizens.</p> <p>They <i>all</i> had the chance to vote by going to the Pnyx and shouting for what they wanted. Every citizen had a say in making laws.</p>	<p>About 18 million people live in Australia.</p> <p>In Australia, over 11 million citizens vote for people to go to the Commonwealth Parliament to represent them (148 Members of the House of Representatives and 76 Senators). The people in Parliament make the laws.</p>

Try to imagine 11 million

The Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) can hold 100,000 people. 11 million people would only fit in 110 MCGs. Imagine that *many people* trying to have a say at once!

Time and place	Who gets to vote?	Who gets to make laws?
Ancient Athens		
Australia today		