What do the letters MSP stand for?

Member of the Scottish Parliament

How many MSPs are there?

129

What do you call someone who is standing for election?

Candidate – move on one space

Prospective Parliamentary Candidate – move on two spaces

How many MSPs represent you in the Scottish Parliament?

8 (one constituency and 7 regional MSPs)
How many constituency MSPs are there?
73

How many regional MSPs are there?
56

How are MSPs chosen?
In an election (people vote for them)

What is the electoral system for the Scottish Parliament called?
Proportional Representation (PR) – move on one space
Additional Member System – move on two spaces
How old must you be to vote in a Scottish Parliament election?

16

What document must your name be on before you can vote?

Electoral Register

Name 3 methods candidates can use to persuade people to vote for them.

Leaflets, canvassing (going round doors), speeches, posters, interviews, newspaper reports

What do you call the document produced by political parties before an election, which explains their policies?

Manifesto
How often are elections to the Scottish Parliament held?

4 years, although if the date clashes with a UK Parliament Election, the Scottish Parliament session can be extended to 5 years

What name is given to the MSP who chairs debates in Parliament and announces the result of votes?

Presiding Officer

What do you call a government formed by a party with less than half the MSPs?

Minority Government

What is the name given to the leader of the Scottish Government?

First Minister
What do you call a government formed by two or more parties?
Coalition

Name 3 political parties in Scotland

The five biggest parties are:
- Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- Scottish Green Party
- Scottish Labour Party
- Scottish Liberal Democrats
- Scottish National Party
(check any other answers with your teacher)

In which Scottish city would you find the Scottish Parliament building?
Edinburgh

Who is the current First Minister?
(check answer with teacher)