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100 year anniversary of women's rights



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The story

Today marks 100 years since The Representation of the People Act was passed, giving women the right to vote.

The change in law affected women over the age of 30 who met certain property qualifications, but full electoral equality didn't follow for another decade.

Vocabulary

pardoned

officially forgiven for committing a crime

caricature

exaggerated depiction of someone

sanitised

made less offensive or unpleasant

Language challenge

Today is the 100th anniversary of the passing of The Representation of the People Act following pressure from the 'Suffragette' movement, which won the right for women in the UK to vote. The suffix '-ette' comes from French. But what does it mean?

- a) small version of X
- b) female version of X
- c) similar to X
- d) all of the above

Answer

d) all of the above