

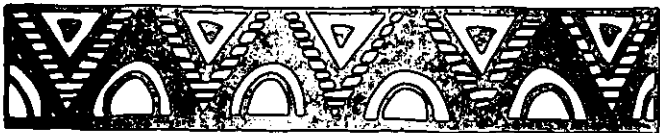
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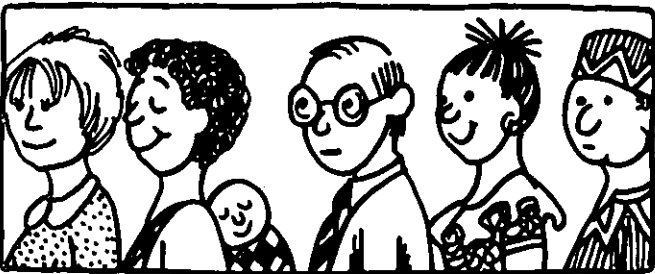


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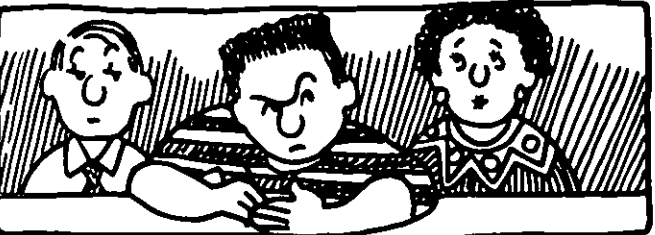


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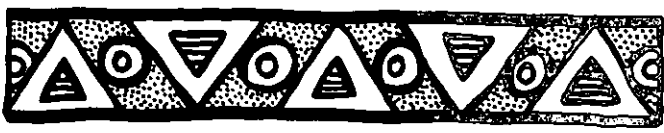
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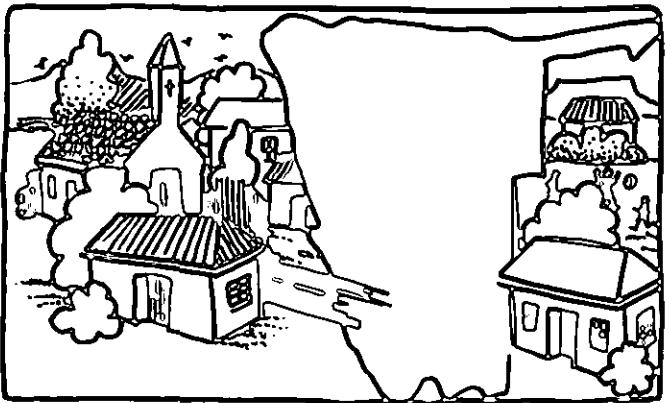


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According to chapter 12, Article 102 - III of the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia, Namibians have to elect representatives to represent them on Regional and Local Authority Councils. Through voting for a candidate or a political party in the forthcoming elections, you can have a say in the governing of the area and region in which you live.

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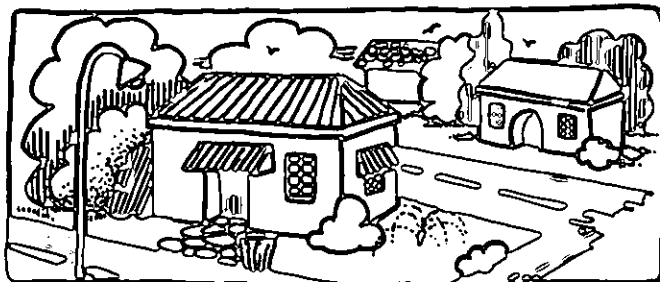


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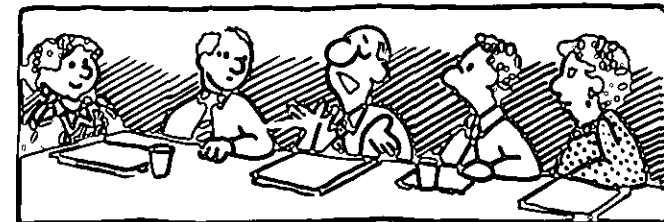
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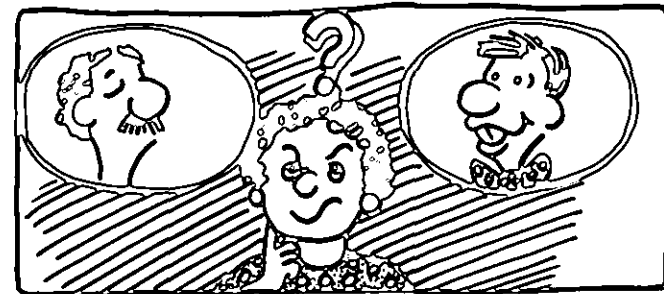


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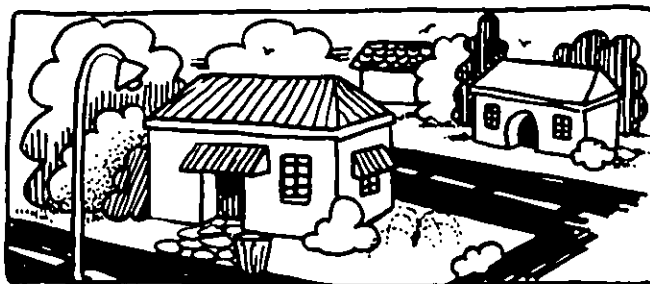


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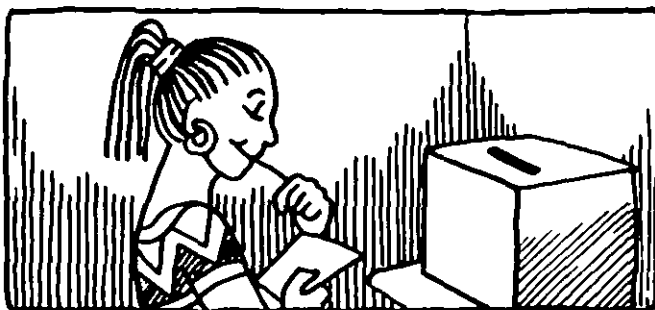


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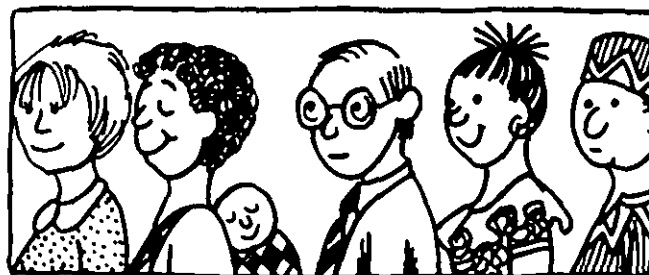


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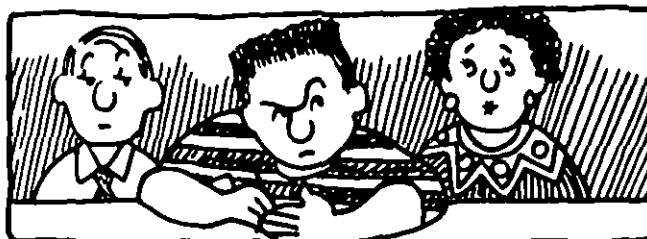


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