

Read the statements from different Catalan people below. Who do you think is for or against independence? Discuss with your partner, and sort them into two piles.



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"We need to be in control of how we spend our money."

"We will lose our culture and traditions."



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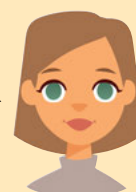


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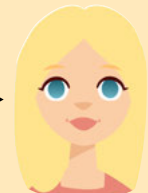


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If you lived in Catalonia, would you be for or against independence? Why?

Name: _____ Date: _____



Once you have read the Information Sheet, decide whether you think you are **for** or **against** the independence of Catalonia. Write a short speech trying to persuade other Catalans to believe the same as you do.

My fellow Catalans...

Glossary of Terms

Economy

The way a country or region manages its money and resources (workers, the land) in order to make, buy and sell goods or products such as cars, computers, food and services (healthcare, education).

European Union (EU)

Some of the countries of Europe have formed a union, where its members can get help on areas such as trade, security and human rights.

Exports

Goods that are made in one area or country, and sent to another area or country to be sold.

Taxes

An amount of money that the government requires individuals or regions to pay.

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We can be proud to be both Catalan and Spanish.

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A united Spain is stronger than a divided one.

We are already very different from Spain with our own history, culture and language.

BALLOT PAPER

Vote (X) only once:

Should Catalonia be an independent state?

Yes

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