

First year S2

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Unit 5: Politics, Voting, and Government

Lecture 1: Listening

Watch and listen to *An Introduction to Parliament*, then do the following tasks.

Task 1: Choose the correct answer.

1. What is the main role of Parliament in the UK?
 - a) To run political parties
 - b) To make laws and check the government
 - c) To choose the Prime Minister
 - d) To control the media
2. Which of the following is part of the UK Parliament?
 - a) The Supreme Court
 - b) The House of Commons
 - c) The Cabinet
 - d) The Police
3. Who are the members of the House of Commons?
 - a) People chosen by the Monarch
 - b) Members of the royal family
 - c) People elected by citizens
 - d) Government ministers only
4. How are members of the House of Commons selected?
 - a) By appointment
 - b) By inheritance
 - c) By general elections
 - d) By the Prime Minister
5. What is the main role of the House of Lords?
 - a) To elect the Prime Minister
 - b) To make final decisions alone
 - c) To examine and suggest changes to laws
 - d) To represent political parties
6. What does Parliament do with proposed laws?
 - a) Ignores them
 - b) Debates and votes on them
 - c) Sends them directly to the Monarch
 - d) Applies them immediately
7. How does Parliament hold the government accountable?
 - a) By controlling elections
 - b) By questioning and challenging government decisions

8. c) By replacing the government
d) By appointing ministers
9. What is the role of the Monarch in Parliament?
a) To create laws
b) To debate laws
c) To formally approve laws
d) To lead the government
10. How often do general elections usually take place in the UK?
a) Every year
b) Every three years
c) Every five years
d) Every ten years
11. Why is Parliament important for citizens?
a) It decides court cases
b) It represents citizens and their interests
c) It controls schools and universities
d) It replaces local governments

Task 2: Match each word (1–10) with its correct definition (A–J).

Words	Definitions
1. Parliament	A. A formal discussion where people express different opinions
2. Government	B. A person who belongs to a country and has rights and duties
3. Law	C. The group of people who run the country and make decisions
4. Election	D. A rule officially accepted and used by a country
5. House of Commons	E. The process in which people vote to choose representatives
6. House of Lords	F. The main law-making institution in the United Kingdom
7. Monarch	G. The elected part of the UK Parliament
8. Citizen	H. A person chosen to represent people in Parliament
9. Debate	I. The unelected part of Parliament that examines laws
10. Member of Parliament (MP)	J. The king or queen who has a formal role in the state

Task 3: Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

constituencies – debate – Cabinet – voter – Monarch – policy – ballot – opposition – amendments
– democratic – House of Commons – campaign – accountable – five – Member of Parliament –
majority – government – Act – Cabinet – bill

1. A _____ is discussed in Parliament before becoming a law.
2. An _____ is a law that has been officially approved.
3. Members of the _____ are elected by the public.
4. The House of Lords can suggest _____ to a bill.
5. The Prime Minister leads the _____.
6. A _____ is a person who votes in an election.
7. Citizens vote using a _____.
8. A general election is held every _____ years in the UK.
9. The _____ party is not currently in power.
10. A _____ represents people in Parliament.
11. Parliament holds the government _____ for its actions.
12. A _____ is a plan made by the government.
13. The country is divided into areas called _____.
14. The _____ has a formal role in approving laws.
15. A _____ occurs when Parliament discusses an issue.
16. The _____ is responsible for running the country.
17. A _____ vote means more than half agree.
18. Citizens live in a _____ system when they choose their leaders.
19. During an election _____, parties try to win support.
20. A _____ is a group of senior ministers who make important decisions.

Answers:

Task 1: Choose the correct answer.

1. b
2. b
3. c
4. c
5. c
6. b
7. b
8. c
9. c
10. b

Task 2: Match each word (1–10) with its correct definition (A–J).

1. F
2. C
3. D
4. E
5. G
6. I
7. J
8. B
9. A
10. H

Task 3: Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. Bill
2. Act
3. House of Commons
4. Amendments
5. Cabinet
6. voter
7. ballot

8. five
9. opposition
10. – Member of Parliament
11. Accountable
12. policy
13. Constituencies
14. Monarch
15. debate
16. government
17. majority
18. democratic
19. Campaign
20. Cabinet