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BRITISH VALUES DEMOCRACY

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DEMOCRACY

Britain is a democracy – this means that the people in Britain vote for the people who make the laws and decide how the country is run. If we didn't have a democracy, just one person might be able to make all the laws and that would not be fair.

Being able to influence the decision making process through the democratic process. This means being able to vote for a Government in elections that are free and fair.

Use your vote, there are areas in the world where it makes no difference; it does here. Feel safe that there are laws that protect you; there are other areas of the world where the opposite is true.



- Democracy is a key British value.
- The British Democratic system has been copied by countries around the world.
- There are many different types of government in our world which create and enforce their own unique laws. Some governments are elected by the citizens of a country; in other countries the people have no right to choose their government at all.
- Some countries are dictatorships and do not have democratic elections. Can you think of any?
- The next UK general election will take place 7th May 2020.

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British Party Leaders

Our current Prime Minister is Theresa May from the Conservative Party. That means that she is responsible for running our country.



Tim Farron
Liberal Democrats



Theresa May
Conservative



Jeremy Corbin
Labour



Paul Nuttall
UKIP

Anyone can be an MP as long as they;

- Are over 18.
- Are British / Irish / Member of the Commonwealth or Republic of Ireland or Cyprus or Malta.
- You can find 10 people in the constituency to support you.
- Pay a deposit of £500.
- Are not a Policeman, judge, Bishop or Lord.
- Are not currently bankrupt.
- Have not committed a criminal offence where you were in jail for more than a year

To vote you must be aged 18 or over and have UK citizenship (people in prison at the time of an election are not allowed to vote).

The UK parliament is the legislative body of the country. It is made up of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Members of the House of Commons (MPs) are elected using a voting system. There are 650 MPs in total.

In a democracy there are a number of political parties who have their own ideas about the way their country should be run. MPs are the elected representatives of these parties.

Before an election each party puts their ideas together in what is called a manifesto. This tells the public how they want to control things such as hospitals, prisons, schools, taxation, laws and the country's relationships with other countries. Voters then decide.

The party which wins the majority of seats usually forms the government and can claim to have a mandate to implement the policies set out in their manifesto.