

VOCABULARY RESOURCE SHEET

GENERAL ELECTION VOCABULARY CARDS



DEMOCRACY

The people of a country or community have a say (a vote) in choosing who leads their country and makes decisions and laws.

MANIFESTO

A list of things that candidates or political parties promise to do if they win an election.

CONSTITUENCY

All of the people in one geographic area that an elected person represents.

POLITICAL PARTIES

Groups of people who care about the same issues and come together to coordinate candidates to compete in an election. If they win, they become Members of Parliament (or Senedd or Assembly).

HOUSE OF COMMONS

The place where UK Members of Parliament debate and pass laws.

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

The elected people in Parliament who represent citizens at a national level.

OUTRIGHT

Speak out on children's rights

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GENERAL ELECTION

A country-wide vote that decides who is elected as a Member of Parliament, and so which party holds the majority of elected MPs and forms the country's government.

GOVERNMENT

A group of people who have a majority in parliament, which gives them the authority to run their country.

COUNCILLORS

Members of the local government council who are responsible for looking after towns and other smaller areas.

VOTE

How you make your choice in an election. In a democracy it's usually done with a secret ballot – you don't have to tell anyone who you chose.

PRIME MINISTER

The head of the UK Government

DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT

A local democratic government of a specific area that has its own election and has had power transferred from the larger government (like the Scottish Parliament, Welsh Senedd and Northern Ireland Assembly) who you chose.

FIRST PAST THE POST

A voting system where the candidate who gets the most votes from people wins.

BALLOT

A piece of paper on which people who are voting enter their choices.