

Activity 1: What Is the UK Parliament?

Aims:

- To explain the structure of the UK Parliament (including the House of Commons, House of Lords and Monarch).
- To explain how Parliament and the Government do different jobs.



1. Where are the Houses of Parliament?

2. Some countries in the United Kingdom have their own mini-government called assemblies to make decisions about their own countries. Circle the countries that have assemblies.

Wales

Australia

Scotland

Yorkshire

Northern Ireland

Canada

3. Circle the three parts that make up the UK Parliament.

House of Commons

House of Lords

MP

Monarch (King or Queen)

4. Write down one thing that Parliament does:

5. What is the job of the Government?

- a) To argue with each other.
- b) To run the country.
- c) To organise birthday parties.



6. What is the job of Parliament?

- a) To run the country.
- b) To plan national sporting events.
- c) To make sure that the Government are doing their job properly.

7. The Queen mainly goes to Parliament for the opening ceremony to make a speech, but can you name one other thing she does?



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House of Commons, House of Lords, Monarch (King or Queen)

4. Write down one thing that Parliament does:

Accept any answers from the following: it checks and challenges the work of the Government; it makes and changes laws; it debates the important issues of the day.

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7. The role of the Monarch in Parliament is mainly ceremonial these days but can you think of one thing that the Monarch does do in Parliament?

Accept any answers from the following: the Monarch meets the Prime Minister once a week to hear what's going on in Parliament; the Monarch opens and dissolves Parliament; the Monarch signs new laws.



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2. Circle the countries in the UK (called 'devolved nations') which have their own assemblies to decide what happens in their own countries (which might be different to what happens in England)?

Wales

Australia

Scotland

Jersey

Northern Ireland

Canada

3. What are the **three** parts that make up the UK Parliament?

House of Commons

House of Lords

Big Ben

Monarch (King or Queen)

MP

Downing Street

4. Write down **two** things that Parliament does:

1. _____

2. _____



5. What is the job of the Government?
- a) To argue with each other.
 - b) To run the country.
 - c) To organise country celebrations such as the Queen's jubilee.
6. What is the job of Parliament?
- a) To run the country.
 - b) To plan major sporting events.
 - c) To make sure that the Government are doing their job right.
7. The role of the Queen or King in Parliament is mainly at the opening ceremony to make a speech but can you think of one other thing that the Queen does do in Parliament?
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3. What are the **three** parts that make up the UK Parliament?
House of Commons, House of Lords, Monarch (King or Queen)
4. Write down two things that Parliament does:
The main work of Parliament is to (any two from):

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c) Debate the important issues of the day.
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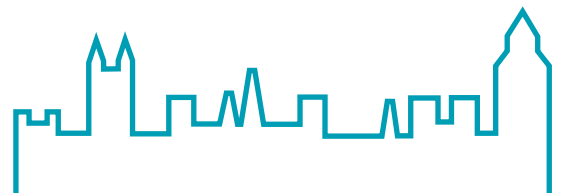
Downing Street

4. What is the main work of Parliament? List its three main responsibilities.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



5. What is the job of the Government?

- a) To check and challenge the work of The Queen.
- b) To run the country.
- c) To organise international events such as the Olympic Games in London.

6. What is the job of Parliament?

- a) To run the country.
- b) To plan international sports tournaments such as the Rugby World Cup.
- c) To check and challenge the work of the Government.

7. The role of the Monarch in Parliament is mainly ceremonial these days but can you think of one thing that the Monarch does do in Parliament?



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