

Welcome to UK Parliament Week

Our learning objective

To understand what Parliament is, why it is important, and how it helps to make decisions for the people of the UK.



What is Parliament?

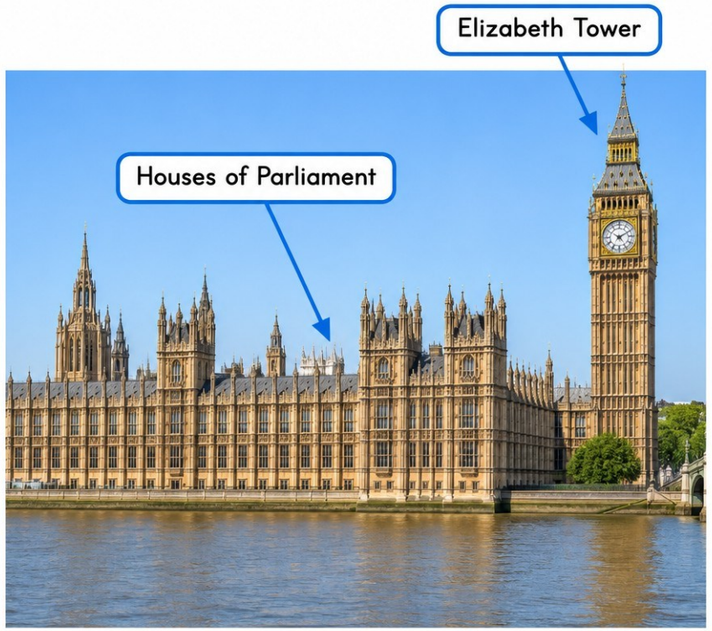


Parliament

Parliament is where important decisions are made about how the UK is run. It makes laws and debates important issues. It checks the work of the Government. It represents the people of the UK.

Where is Parliament?

The UK Parliament meets in Westminster, London. The building is called the Houses of Parliament. Next to it is the Elizabeth Tower. Big Ben is the bell inside the tower.





Two chambers, one Parliament



House of Commons



House of Lords

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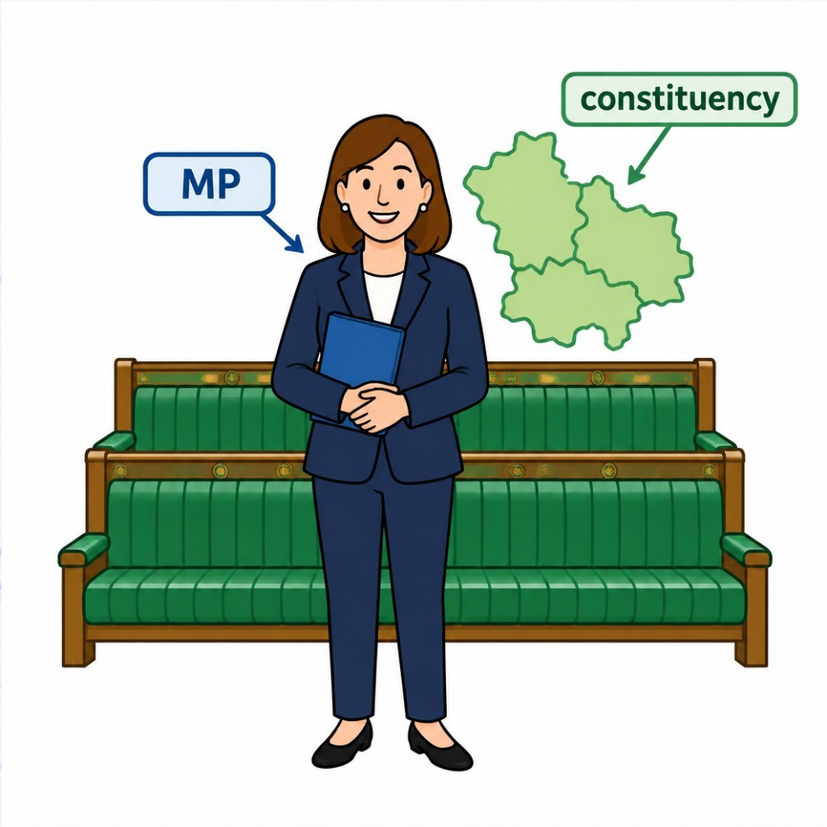
This is the green chamber. MPs work here. The two chambers work together to discuss, debate and help make laws.

House of Lords

This is the red chamber. Members work here. The two chambers work together to discuss, debate and help make laws.

Who sits in the House of Commons?



The House of Commons is the green chamber. The people here are called Members of Parliament, or MPs. MPs are elected by the public. Each MP represents an area called a constituency and speaks for people there.

What does the House of Lords do?

The House of Lords is the red chamber. Its members are not elected. They review laws carefully and suggest improvements. They use their experience to help Parliament make good decisions.



Can you remember Parliament's parts?

Q1 Where does the UK Parliament meet?

Q2 What are the two chambers called?

Q3 Who sits in the House of Commons?

Parliament's three big jobs



Make laws

Parliament creates new laws and changes laws when they need to be improved.



Represent people

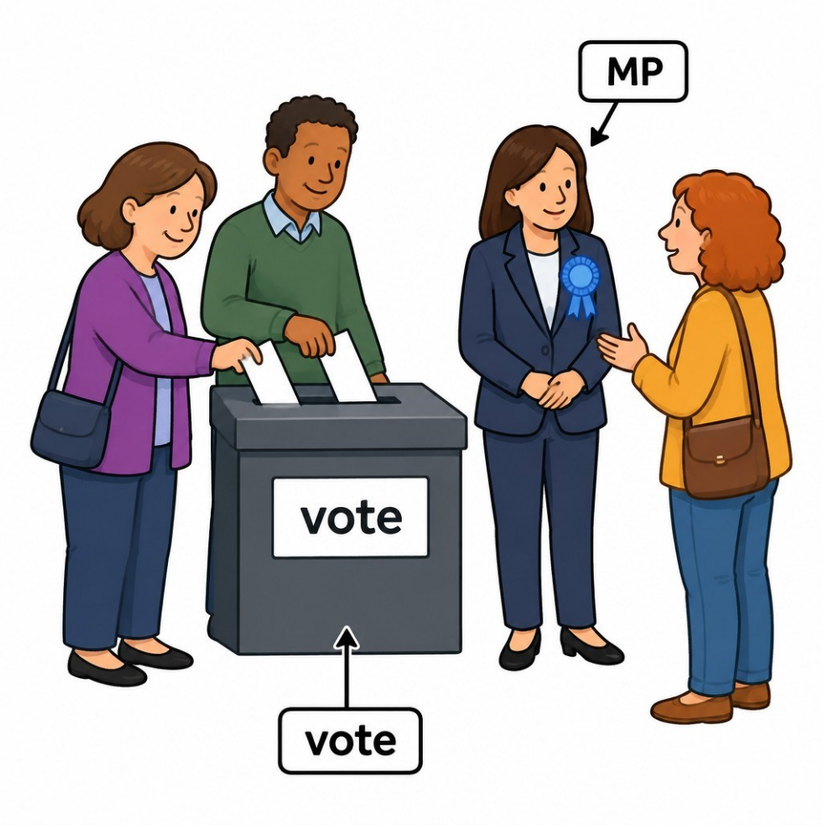
MPs raise issues from their communities and speak for the people in their area.



Check Government

Parliament checks that the Government is doing its job well and asks questions.

What is democracy?



Democracy means people have a say. In the UK, adults vote in elections. They choose who will represent them. MPs then speak on behalf of local people.

Parliament and your School Council



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Parliament represents people, discusses issues, votes and helps make decisions for the UK.

School Council

Your School Council represents pupils, discusses school issues, votes and suggests improvements.

Why Parliament matters

1. It gives people a voice through the MPs who represent them.
2. It helps keep the country fair by checking decisions.
3. It makes laws that affect our daily lives.
4. It protects democracy by making sure people can be heard.



How could your voice make a difference?



What one change would you like in school, and how could the **School Council** help make it happen?

What you found out about Parliament

- Parliament is where important decisions are made about how the UK is run.
- It meets in Westminster, London, at the Houses of Parliament.
- It has two chambers: the House of Commons and the House of Lords.
- Parliament makes laws, represents people and checks the Government.
- Democracy means people have a say, and Parliament helps their voices be heard.

Your voice matters

Parliament helps people have a voice in how the UK is run. Your School Council does a similar job in school, so your ideas and choices matter too.


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