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VOTING & ELECTIONS

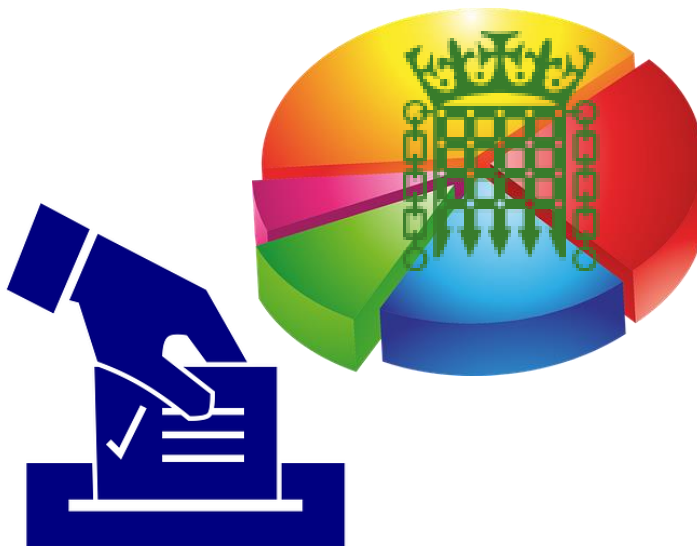
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POLLING STATION

A location (e.g a church hall or school) where people go to cast a vote. The people must be registered to vote.

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Synonym:

Voting station

In a sentence:My **polling station** was set up at the local primary school.**Exam technique:**

What is a polling station?
What happens at a polling station?
What is an exit poll?

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BALLOT PAPER

A slip of paper used to register a vote. Usually you will see the candidates name alongside the party (if any) they represent.

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Synonym:

Voting slip

In a sentence:

This year I spoilt my **ballot paper** because I didn't want to vote for any of the candidates.

Exam technique:

What is usually contained on a ballot paper?
How can people spoil their ballot papers?
What happens to ballots once they are cast?

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REFERENDUM

When an important question is put to a direct vote by the people, rather than through MP's. A vote on a single issue E.G Brexit

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Synonym:

Lawyer

In a sentence:

Recently the UK had a **referendum** on EU membership and the country voted to leave.

Exam technique:

What happens during a referendum?
Can you identify two referendums that Scotland and the UK has held?
What are the disadvantages of using referendums?

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MANIFESTO

list of policies and ideas that a political party will introduce if they win the general election.

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Synonym:

Political ideas

In a sentence:

Recently the conservative **manifesto** of austerity has not been well received by some members of the public.

Exam technique:

What manifesto ideas did Jeremy Corbyn have in 2017?
Do political parties always stick to their manifestos?
Why is it important for MP's not to break their promises?

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POSTAL VOTE

If a registered voter is unable to cast their vote in person they can apply to vote by post.

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Synonym:

Absentee vote

In a sentence:

Many people who are severely disabled will apply for a **postal vote**.

Exam technique:

What is a postal vote?
What reasons might someone have to vote by post?
How can we ensure postal voting is secure?

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PROXY VOTE

If a registered voter is unable to cast their vote they can nominate someone else to vote on their behalf as a representative

Draw a picture

Synonym:

Absentee vote

In a sentence:

My friend was travelling during the election so he nominated his mother to act as a **proxy** and she vote on his behalf.

Exam technique:

What is a proxy vote?
What issues might arise with proxy votes?
Identify two other ways a vote can be cast in the general election?

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FIRST PAST THE POST

This is the voting system used in the UK for the general election. Essentially the candidate with the most votes in one area will win that seat in the House of Commons.

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Synonym:

FPTP

In a sentence:

I think that **FPTP** is like winning a race. The first person to cross the line wins.

Exam technique:

What are the advantages of FPTP electoral system?
What are the disadvantages of the FPTP electoral system?
Is FPTP a fair electoral system?

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PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

An electoral system where by each political party receives an amount of power/seats that equates to the exact amount of votes cast for them. E.G 20% votes = 20% seats in Parliament.

Draw a picture

Synonym:

PR

In a sentence:

Under **proportional representation** smaller parties would perform much better in the UK general election than they do under the current First Past the Post electoral system.

Exam technique:

Can you identify two examples of where PR is used in the world?
Is the House of Lords democratic?
What are the disadvantages of using PR as an electoral system?

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BY-ELECTION

An election held in a single political constituency to fill a vacancy arising during a government's term of office. A by-election can arise due to an MP's resignation, retirement, death.

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Synonym:

Interim election

In a sentence:

A **by-election** is a good way for the current government to test how unpopular they might be with constituents.

Exam technique:

What cases a by-election?
Is a by-election a reflection on the sitting government?
What other elections happen in the UK?

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CONSTITUENCIES

An area (locality) that an MP represents. There are 650 Constituencies in the UK who each have a local MP that represents them.

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Synonym:

Specific area

In a sentence:

In 2015 the Scottish National Party won 56 out of 59 **Constituencies** in Scotland.

Exam technique:

How many constituencies are there in the UK?
What is gerrymandering?
What is a safe seat?

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GENERAL ELECTION

Every five years in the UK the whole country gets to vote for the political party they want to be in charge of the national government. They do this by choosing their local MP

Draw a picture

Synonym:

Peoples Vote

In a sentence:

Recently, in the 2017 **general election** no single party won a majority of the seats.

Exam technique:

Why is voter turnout low at General Elections?
Why is it important to vote?
Who can vote in elections?

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EXIT POLL

A poll of people leaving the polling station, asking how they voted.

Draw a picture

Synonym:

n/a

In a sentence:

Unlike an opinion poll which asks voters how they intend to vote **an exit poll** asks how they actually voted.

Exam technique:

Why are exit polls likely to be more accurate than opinion polls?
Are exit polls always accurate?
What other types of polls exist?

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GERRYMANDERING

Manipulating the boundaries of an electoral constituency so as to favour one party or class. This could be used to influence a potential result

Draw a picture

Synonym:

Boundary manipulation

In a sentence:

Governments in power have always been accused of **gerrymandering** when they apply to the electoral commission to change constituency boundaries

Exam technique:

Why is gerrymandering wrong?
Why might a constituency genuinely need to alter its boundaries?

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CAMPAIGNING

An organised effort which seeks to influence the decision making process within a specific group. EG Political parties may campaign to influence voters in an election

Draw a picture

Synonym:

Demonstrating

In a sentence:

There has been so much electoral **campaigning** in my area. I have leaflets through my door and I see placards in gardens.

Exam technique:

What national campaigns have you seen on TV?
Can you identify how social media can help election campaigns?
What are the most effective campaign methods?

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PLURALISM

Different beliefs, faiths and cultures existing within a society If there is a plurality of things, a number of them exists

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Synonym:

A wide variety

In a sentence:

The UK has a **plurality** of news papers available for citizens to read

Exam technique:

Why is it important to have a plurality of political parties?
What does plurality mean?

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COALITION GOVERNMENT

When a single political party does not win a majority of seats in the House of Commons they may join up/ work with several parties to form a coalition government.

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Synonym:

Partners

In a sentence:

in 2010 the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats formed a **coalition Government** to run the country.

Exam technique:

What are the advantages of a coalition government?
What are the disadvantages of a coalition government?
Explain the result of the 2017 General Election? (Clue: DUP)

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ELECTORAL REGISTER

In the UK this is an official list of the people in a district who are entitled to vote in an election

Draw a picture

Synonym:

Voters register

In a sentence:

All voters must be entered on the **electoral roll**, which is updated annually

Exam technique:

What is the electoral commission?
What is the purpose of an electoral register?

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SPOILT BALLOT

When a ballot paper is void, null, informal, invalid or an election authority determines that it is invalid and thus not included in the vote count

Draw a picture

Synonym:

Court of first instance

In a sentence:

Constituents may decide to **spoil their ballot papers** in a form of protest against the political establishment

Exam technique:

What happens to spoilt ballot papers?
Why would someone spoil a ballot paper?
Why is it important to vote?

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TURNOUT

The number of people that vote in an election compared to the total number eligible and registered to vote.

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Synonym:

Attendance

In a sentence:

UK General Elections. **Turnout** at the 2017 General Election was 68.8% and was the fourth successive election where turnout increased

Exam technique:

What impacts turnout at elections?
How can the government increase the turnout at local elections?
Which age groups are more likely to turnout and vote?

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MINORITY GOVERNMENT

A minority government is where the government doesn't have more than half the seats in parliament and therefore can't pass laws without the votes of parties not participating in the government.

Draw a picture

Synonym:

Minority Cabinet

In a sentence:

If a political party has a **minority** but is still the largest party then it can form a government with the outside support of other parties

Exam technique:

How does parliament hold government to account?
What are the advantages of having a majority in parliament?
What are the advantages of a coalition government?

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1. Students discuss and complete the exam questions in pairs

2. Cut them out, hide them around the room and allow students to create links between the different key terms when they are found

3. Cut the key terms in half and create a matching exercise. Print in black and white to make more difficult

4. Use as literacy support for weaker students or use as mini extensions for the most able students

5. Use as revision for topics and as vocabulary hints for extended written responses

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7. Revision for vocabulary spelling tests

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