

# The British Parliament



**The Parliament consists of two Houses:**

The House of Lords

The House of Commons



**Traditionally the Queen opens the Parliament every autumn.**



The Queen sits on the “throne” in the House of Lords. She reads the “Queen’s Speech”.

At the State Opening of Parliament the Queen wears a crown. She wears other jewels from the Crown Jewels, too.



# House of Lords



**There are more than 1000 members in the House of Lords.  
Many seats are hereditary.**



**The Lord Chancellor is  
chairman and sits on special  
sit called Woolsack**



**Woolsack  
House of Lords,**

# The House of Commons



The House of Commons has 651 members.

They are elected by a general election (secret ballot).

The members sit on two sides of the hall, one for the governing party and the other for the opposition.



**The Speaker is elected at the beginning of each new Parliament. He cannot debate or vote unless the voting is equal, in which case he votes with Government.**







The British Prime  
Minister  
**David Cameron-**  
the leader of the  
conservative party (Tory).



# Downing Street ,10



The place where  
the prime-minister  
lives.

