

“Parliamentary Democracy. Political System of the United Kingdom”.

**Discussion lesson designed
for 10 form students**

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Warm-up activities –

Read through the statements and decide which of them describe a democratic society.

- People do what they want.
- People rule the country.
- People do what they want within the framework of law.
- People elect their representatives to rule the country.
- People say what they think.
- People can live any place they choose.

II. Listening

When you listen to political news or talk shows in English you can understand some words without translation, can't you?

Listen and say which words you understand.

- Monarch
- Monarchy
- Democracy
- Parliament
- Politician
- Democratic
- Parliamentary
- political
- a Prime Minister

III. VOCABULARY WORK

Match the words from the columns and decide what activities they do. Make the right word combinations

- a minister
- a cabinet
- a department
- a constitution
- an opposition
- to coordinate
- to control
- policy
- ceremonial
- the royal assent
- a bill
- контролировать
- конституция
- министр
- кабинет
- департамент
- оппозиция
- координировать
- политика
- формальный
- королевская санкция
- законопроект

The Houses of Parliament, also known as the Palace of Westminster is the seat of Britain's two parliamentary houses, the House of Lords and the House of Commons.



Should as a modal verb.

Modal verbs **can, could, be able to.**

- Modal verb *should* is used to give advice or say that something is right or useful
- The modal verb *must* in the meaning "strong necessity" forms only the present tense.
- We use *to be able to* and *can* to say that something is possible or that someone has the ability to do something.
- But *can* has only two forms: *can* (Present Simple) and *could* (Past Simple).
- We use *be able to* in *Present, Past, Future*

Choose the right item

1. You ___ think about the future and not about the past.

a) should

b) shouldn't

c) must

d) mustn't

2. You ___ have a visa to travel to some countries.

a) can

b) can't

c) must

d) mustn't

3. If you are traveling by air you ___ carry anything in your luggage that could be used as a weapon.

a) should

b) shouldn't

c) must

d) mustn't

a) should

b) shouldn't

c) can

d) can't

4. You ___ use your energy unless you have to.

a) should

b) shouldn't

c) must

d) mustn't

5. Be ___ the

a) should

b) shouldn't

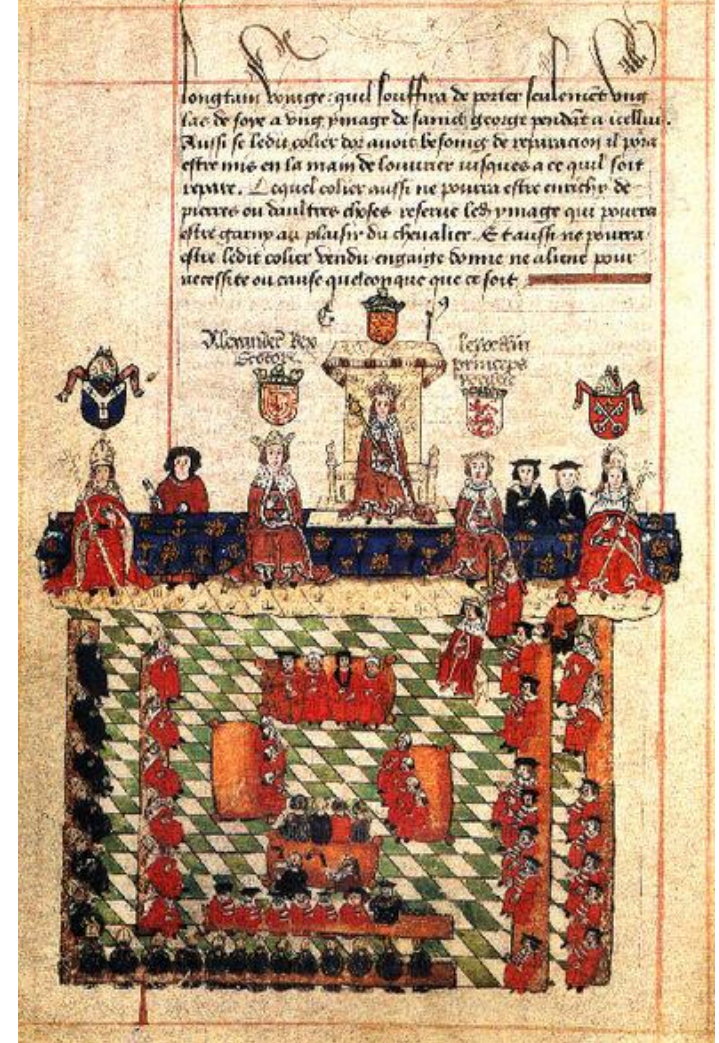
c) must

d) mustn't

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is a constitutional monarchy and a parliamentary democracy.

The Monarch

- Is the official head of state and an integral part of Parliament in her constitutional role;
- Has mostly representative functions;
- Officially appoints the Prime Minister;
- Gives the royal assent to the bills passed by the House of Commons and the House of Lords (signs



The monarch is the official head of state and an integral part of Parliament in her constitutional role

Queen Victoria's family

in 1846 by Franz Xaver Winterhalter



Queen Elizabeth II



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Coronation portrait of Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh, June 1953



Queen Elizabeth II and Barack Obama



The monarch is the head of the Commonwealth of Nations.

Queen Victoria 1819 –
1901



Queen Elizabeth II
in Canada



Parliament

The House of Commons

- makes laws
- discusses political problems



**Elected members of
Parliament**

The House of Lords

- Examines and revises bills from the House of Commons
- Can delay bills for one year



**Non-elected members
peers and life peers**

The Government
Prime Minister, David Cameron (2010–2016) and
the current Prime Minister Theresa May
was appointed on
13 July 2016.



- **The Prime Minister**
 - Is the head of government;
 - Is the leader of the party with the majority seats in the House of Commons
- **The Prime Minister**
 - Chooses the Cabinet Ministers
 - Chooses Non-Cabinet Ministers

The House of Commons and The official opposition

- The largest party will form Her Majesty's Government
- The **Official Opposition** is the political party with the second-largest number of seats in the House of Commons,
- The **Official Opposition**, in the United Kingdom is led by the Leader of the Opposition.
- The largest opposition party forms the **Shadow Cabinet**
- It is the **Shadow Cabinet's responsibility**

Home work:

- **Learn the new words**
- **Выучи новые слова**
- **What do the British think about the monarchy? (R Unit 2, ex.1)**
- **Что думают британцы о монархии?**
- **What does each branch of power and each institution do? (AB Unit 2, ex.1)**
- **Что делает каждая из ветвей власти и каждый из институтов власти?**

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