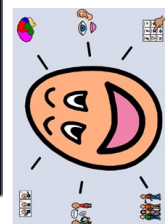


Choosing a Government in a General Election



How is an MP elected?



The UK is split into areas called Constituencies.



There are 650 constituencies in the UK.

How is a Government elected?



A Political Party wins if they have 326 MPs elected.



This is called an Overall Majority.

How is a Prime Minister elected?



The Prime Minister is usually the leader of the winning Political Party.



In each constituency, people vote at polling stations.

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The votes for each constituency is counted.



If no party wins an Overall Majority, it is called a Hung Parliament.



A Minority Government can be made if other parties agree to support the bigger party.



A Coalition Government can be formed by two parties joining so they have 326 elected MPs between them.

The candidate with the most votes becomes the MP for that constituency,



They win a seat in the House of Commons.