

Political heads

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Political heads and tails

Theresa May is	the name of the political party in power
Jeremy Corbyn is	a system where one person or group have absolute power
Conservative is	the age when some people think you should be able to vote
Labour is	our current Prime Minister
18 is	our current electoral system
Creating law and policy is	a yes or no vote on a singular issue
First past the post is	a small area of the country that is represented by an MP
16 is	the leader of the official opposition
The cabinet is	the house where chosen Lords sit
Proportional representation is	the number of years between elections (usually)
18 is	the name of the political party in official opposition
5 is	the age that you can stand as an MP
The House of Commons is	the number of female Prime Ministers we have had
A constituency is	another role of an MP
The House of Lords is	the democratically elected house where MPs sit
2 is	one of the roles of an MP
A referendum is	a system where citizens can play an active role in the political process
Representing their constituents is	the group of chosen MPs that support their party leader
Democracy is	the age that you can vote in a general election
Dictatorship is	the electoral system some people believe we should change to

Answers

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Teacher tips:

This simple activity can be used to assess political knowledge. It can also be used as a stand-alone activity to prompt open discussion and political learning.

I would advise that students work through the activity in groups to support collaborative learning.

Step 1 – Hand out the political heads worksheet to small groups of students (3 or 4) ask them to read through the statements and discuss what the tails (answer) might be. Discuss as a class without giving away the answers.

Step 2 – Hand out the political heads and tails worksheet and ask students to match the statements (this can be done by using different colours, cutting and sticking, or writing) Discuss as a class, this time discussing the correct answers. Answer sheet provided if needed.

Step 3 – I would suggest following up this activity with some more group work. Each group could pick an area of politics to research and feedback on (as a poster, presentation etc) suggested areas to research: Labour, Conservative, House of Commons, role of an MP etc

<https://www.parliament.uk/education/> is a fantastic website that provides child friendly booklets and videos to support further learning.

Alternatively, students could use what they have learnt from the class activity to produce an individual piece of work on UK politics (mini-essay, poster, leaflet etc)