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Where Is the UK Parliament?



- The Houses of Parliament, also known as the Palace of Westminster, is in the centre of London.



Where Is the UK Parliament?



- It is one of the most iconic buildings in the world and includes the green-coloured benches in the House of Commons Chamber and the red-coloured benches in the House of Lords Chamber. It also includes the famous clock tower, popularly known as Big Ben.



What Is the UK Parliament?



- Parliament is made up of three parts:
- The House of Commons
- The House of Lords
- The king or queen – known as the Monarch.



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- The House of Commons is made up of Members of Parliament (MPs). MPs are elected to represent our views in the House of Commons.



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- In the House of Lords, members are appointed from inside and outside of Parliament, based on their special experience and knowledge, to check and challenge the work of the Government.



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- The role of the Monarch is mainly ceremonial these days. The Monarch meets the Prime Minister once a week to hear what's going on in Parliament, signs new laws (gives Royal Assent) and attends the State Opening of Parliament.
- <https://learning.parliament.uk/en/resources/360-tour/>
- *** Rules of the houses.

What can you remember so far?



What Is the House of Commons?



- The House of Commons is where all the Members of Parliament (MPs) spend a lot of their time working and debating.



What Is the House of Commons?



- There are 650 MPs, and each one has the important job of representing people from their local area (constituency) in Parliament.



What Is the House of Commons?



- MPs work hard so we have laws to protect us and to make sure the UK is a fair place to live.
- MPs are voted for by the people in their constituency in general elections.



What Is the House of Lords?



- The House of Lords has about 800 members.
- Most are called ‘life peers’, because they are given membership for their lifetime. They are chosen for their expert knowledge and experience, so that they can use their special skills to look carefully at new laws.

What Is the House of Lords?



- The House of Lords is the second Chamber of the UK Parliament. Many of its members have worked in politics, but many have also done other jobs. There are doctors, soldiers, scientists, writers, teachers, police officers, sportspeople and many other professional people in the House of Lords.



What do members of the House of Lords do?



- The job of the Lords is to question and challenge the work of the Government. They spend lots of time examining ideas for new laws in detail.
- If they think a plan for a new law could be improved they make changes.



What can you remember so far?



Is Parliament Different from the Government?

- Yes! The Government's job is to run the country.
- Parliament's job is to check and challenge what the Government does.
- The UK usually holds a general election every five years. After the election, the party with the most MPs can then form the Government.



Is Parliament Different from the Government?

- The leader of the winning party becomes the Prime Minister and chooses a team of MPs and members of the House of Lords to form the Government.



Is Parliament Different from the Government?

- MPs and Lords who are not part of the winning party become the Opposition. They check and challenge the ideas of the Government through debates and questions.

