



# Political System of the UK.

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Executive branch

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**The Prime Minister.**

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Britain is a  
parliamentary  
monarchy



OFFICIALLY  
THE HEAD  
OF THE  
STATE IS  
THE KING  
OR QUEEN.



The Queen is the official head of the state.

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***She reigns, but doesn't rule. She represents the country, signs bills, participates in different charity funds.***

- Her Majesty is “an old tradition”. But the most British really love her and are vividly interested in everything concerning her family.



*Thousands of people come to London to watch her coming out, changing the royal guard, visit her apartments in Buckingham palace.*





**The Houses of Parliament (symbol of London), called officially the Palace of Westminster, were a place for kings and queens.**

# The executive branch.

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The Prime Minister, the leader of the party that has won at the elections. He/she chooses the cabinet of ministers, coordinates government departments. Any Prime Minister lives on Downing St.,10. An officially appointed Queen.





Parliament represents the legislative branch.



**Parliament in Britain has existed since 1265. Having been organized in the reign of King Edward I, it is the oldest parliament in the world.**

# Parliament consists of two chambers or houses:

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**The House of Commons.**  
The members are elected by people over 18.  
They make laws.



**The House of Lords.**  
Examines and discusses bills from the lower House. The members are not elected.



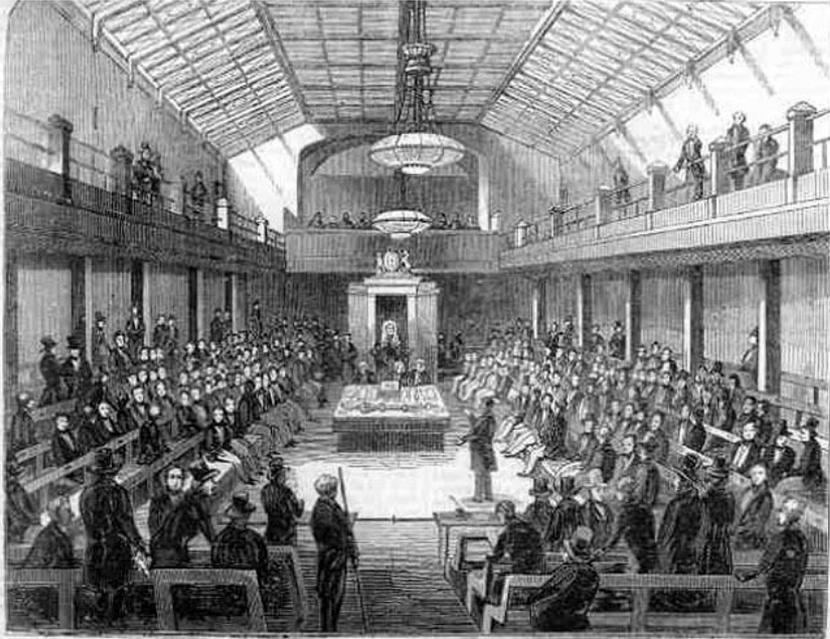
# THE HOUSE OF LORDS.



The House of Lords consists of more than 1000 peers:

“Lords spiritual” and 24 bishops of the Church of England. Benches in the Houses of Lords are coloured red. The Throne and canopy are located at one

# THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.



The House of Commons consists of Members of Parliament who are elected by general election every 5 years.