



# Political System of the UK.

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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.



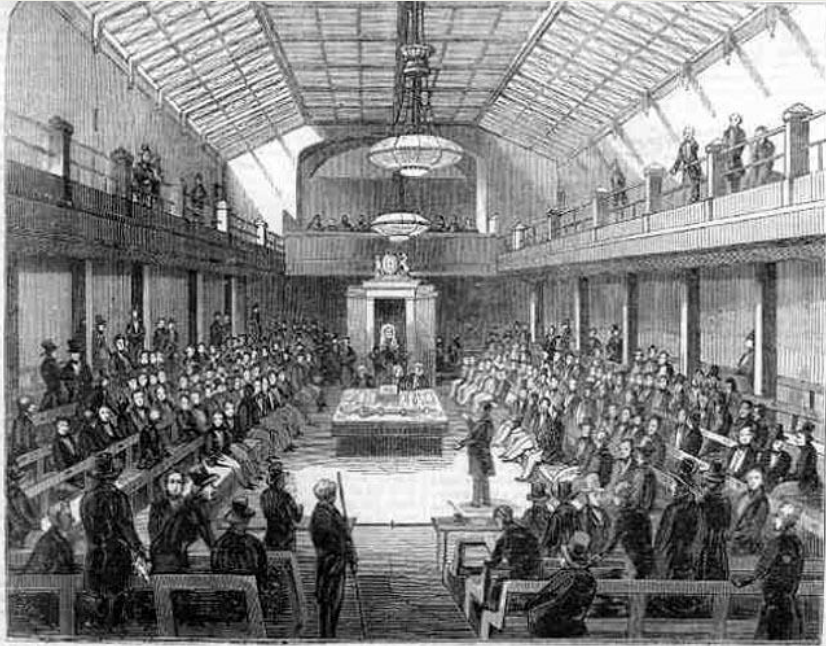
# THE HOUSE OF LORDS.



**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.

# Answer the questions:

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1. Who is the head of the UK?
2. How do people call the Queen?
3. What is the official residence of the Queen?
4. Where is the place of kings and queens?
5. What does the executive branch consist of?
6. Where does the Prime Minister live?
7. What does the legislative branch consist of?
8. What does Parliament consist of?
9. What does the House of Lords consist of?
10. What does the House of Commons consist of?