



**THE UK POLITICAL
SYSTEM**

THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND IS CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY
(PARLIAMENTARY MONARCHY).





BRITAIN DOESN'T HAVE
A WRITTEN
CONSTITUTION. THE
QUEEN OR KING IS THE
HEAD OF THE STATE.
THE POWER IS
HEREDITARY, NOT
ELECTIVE.

THE QUEEN OR KING REIGNS BUT DOESN'T RULE.
THE PRESENT SOVEREIGN IS QUEEN ELIZABETH II.
SHE WAS CROWNED IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY IN
1953.





POWER IN THE COUNTRY BELONGS TO PARLIAMENT.
PARLIAMENT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT AUTHORITY IN
BRITAIN, ITS SUPREME LEGISLATIVE BODY. IT IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR BRITISH NATIONAL POLICY.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT CONSISTS OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS AND THE HOUSE OF COMMONS. THE HOUSE OF LORDS IS NOT ELECTED, THE POWER IS HEREDITARY. THE HOUSE OF LORDS HAS NO REAL POWER.



THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
CONSISTS OF MEMBERS OF
PARLIAMENT. THE HOUSE
OF COMMONS IS ELECTED
BY THE PEOPLE (650
SEATS).



General elections are held every five years. All citizens aged 18 have the right to vote.





Prime Minister
of the United
Kingdom
Incumbent.

VOCABULARY

- ◆ Judge - судья
- ◆ Investigator - следователь
- ◆ Prosecutor - прокурор
- ◆ Lawyer - юрист, адвокат
- ◆ Case - дело
- ◆ Because потому что
- ◆ That's why - поэтому
- ◆ Justice - справедливость
- ◆ Crime - преступление
- ◆ A criminal - преступник
- ◆ Criminal - преступный
- ◆ Speaking about - что касается ...
- ◆ I like it very much - мне это очень нравится
- ◆ convention - соглашение, конвенция
- ◆ As - в качестве
- ◆ First of all - прежде всего
- ◆ Head - глава, руководитель
- ◆ State - государство
- ◆ Queen - королева
- ◆ King - король
- ◆ Power - власть
- ◆ To reign - царствовать
- ◆ To rule - править
- ◆ A rule - правило
- ◆ To elect - выбирать
- ◆ Elections - выборы
- ◆ Elective - выборный
- ◆ statute - законодательный акт

VOCABULARY

- ◆ hereditary - наследственный, передающийся по наследству
- ◆ To belong to - принадлежать (кому-то)
- ◆ Legislation - законодательство (=law)
- ◆ Legislative - законодательный
- ◆ Body - орган
- ◆ To be responsible for - быть ответственным за, нести ответственность за
- ◆ To consist of - состоять из
- ◆ Policy - политика (политическая позиция государства)
- ◆ The House of Lords - Палата Лордов
- ◆ The House of Commons - Палата Общин
- ◆ Parliament - парламент
- ◆ to attend = to visit - посещать (регулярно)
- ◆ Government - правительство
- ◆ Constitution - конституция
- ◆ Member of Parliament - MP - член парламента
- ◆ Seat - место
- ◆ To hold - проводить, организовывать
- ◆ To have the right - иметь право
- ◆ To vote - голосовать
- ◆ scrutiny of government activities - контроль за деятельностью правительства
- ◆ bill - закон, законодательный акт
- ◆ to obtain = to get - получать
- ◆ minority - меньшинство
- ◆ majority - большинство

EXERCISE 1. QUESTIONS:

1. What type of state is the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland?

2. Does the UK have a written constitution?

3. Is the power in Britain hereditary or elective?

4. Who is the head of the state?

5. The Queen reigns, doesn't she?

6. Who is the present Sovereign?

7. When and where was Elizabeth II crowned?

8. Who does the power in the country belong to?

9. What is Parliament?

10. The British Parliament consists of two parts, doesn't it?

11. What are they?

12. Does the House of Lords have real power?

13. What are the functions of the House of Commons?

14. The House of Commons is presided over by the speaker, isn't it?

EXERCISE 2.

MATCH THESE WORDS AND PHRASES WITH THEIR RUSSIAN EQUIVALENTS:

◆ Hereditary

◆ 2. Reign

◆ 3. Elective

◆ 4. To rule

◆ 5. Power

◆ 6. Legislative body

◆ 7. Elections

◆ 8. Legislation

◆ 9. To introduce

◆ 10. To attend

◆ 11. To discuss

◆ 12. To vote

◆ Законодательный

◆ b) Голосовать

◆ c) Выборы

◆ d) Царствовать

◆ e) Выборный

◆ f) Законодательный

◆ g) Наследственный

◆ h) Власть

◆ i) Обсуждать

◆ j) Править

◆ k) Посещать

◆ l) Вводить

EXERCISE 3.

**SCAN THE TEXT AND MATCH THE WORDS GIVEN BELOW TO
COMPLETE THE SENTENCES:**

1. Britain does not have a ... constitution.

2. The Power is hereditary, not

3. Parliament is responsible for British

4. The House of Commons is presided by

5. The House of Lords is presided over

6. Power in the country belong to

7. The House of Commons is elected by

Elective, written, national, policy, the Speaker, Parliament, the people,
the Lord Chancellor.

EXERCISE 4.

FILL IN THE GAPS IN THE PHRASES WITH THE PREPOSITIONS FROM THE LIST IF NECESSARY: OF, TO, FOR, BY, OVER, ON,

AS:

- ❖1. Power in the country belongs --- Parliament.
- ❖2. It is responsible --- British national policy.
- ❖3. The House of Lords is presided --- by the Lord Chancellor.
- ❖4. The House of Commons consists --- Members of Parliament.
- ❖5. The House of Commons is elected --- the people.
- ❖6. The position of Prime Minister is based --- convention.
- ❖7. The group of ministers is known --- the Cabinet.
- ❖8. The House of Commons is presided over --- the Speaker.

EXERCISE 5

SAY IF IS TRUE OR FALSE

- ❖1. The United Kingdom of Great Britain is Parliament Monarchy.
- ❖2. Britain has a written constitution.
- ❖3. The Power is elective. _____
- ❖4. The King or Queen reigns.
- ❖5. The power in the country belongs to people.
- ❖6. The House of Lords is elected, the power is not hereditary.
- ❖7. The House of Lords is presided over by the Lord Chancellor.
- ❖8. General elections are held every.
- ❖9. It's in the House of Lords that new bills are introduced and debated.
- ❖10. The position of Prime Minister isn't based on convention.