

The British Parliament



The Parliament consists of two Houses:

The House of Lords

The House of Commons



Traditionally the Queen opens the Parliament every autumn.



The Queen sits on the “throne” in the House of Lords. She reads the “Queen’s Speech”.

At the State Opening of Parliament the Queen wears a crown. She wears other jewels from the Crown Jewels, too.



House of Lords



**There are more than 1000 members in the House of Lords.
Many seats are hereditary.**



**The Lord Chancellor is
chairman and sits on special
sit called Woolsack**



**Woolsack
House of Lords,**

The House of Commons



The House of Commons has 651 members.

They are elected by a general election (secret ballot).

The members sit on two sides of the hall, one for the governing party and the other for the opposition.



The Speaker is elected at the beginning of each new Parliament. He cannot debate or vote unless the voting is equal, in which case he votes with Government.





The British Prime
Minister
David Cameron-
the leader of the
conservative party (Tory).



Downing Street ,10



The place where
the prime-minister
lives.

