

## Summer Task 2023

### 1. MPs

- a. How do you become an MP?
- b. Who is your local MP; what is a constituency?
- c. What do MPs do? What is a 'backbencher' and what is a 'frontbencher'?
- d. What's the difference between a government backbencher and an opposition backbencher?

Here is a glossary from the Parliament site - <https://www.parliament.uk/site-information/glossary/backbenches/> to help.

### 2. Making laws

- a. What is a bill?
- b. What stages do bills go through to become law?
- c. Can you find an example of a bill that became a law 2022-23 and summarise it?

Here is some help on how laws are made - <https://www.parliament.uk/globalassets/documents/commons-information-office/easy-read-guides/easy-read-laws.pdf>

### 3. Parliament

- a. What are the main differences between the House of Commons and House of Lords?

See - <https://www.parliament.uk/about/how/role/system/>

### 4. Voting

- a. Who can vote in a general election?
- b. How do general elections work?
- c. What is a manifesto?

See - <https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-8985/> for some additional help and <https://www.britannica.com/video/187571/elections-United-Kingdom>

### 5. Parties

- a. What is a political party?
- b. How do you join?
- c. What are the main political parties in England?

### 6. The executive

- a. How do you become PM?
- b. What is the Cabinet? Who is in it? What do they do?

SEE - <https://www.parliament.uk/site-information/glossary/cabinet/> and <https://www.parliament.uk/site-information/glossary/prime-minister/?id=32625>

### 7. Concepts:

- a. what is politics?
- b. what is democracy?
- c. what's the difference between 'left wing' and 'right wing'?

See <https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/blog/what-is-politics/> and <https://votingcounts.org.uk/left-or-right-wing>.