

British Politics – teacher’s notes

BEFORE PRINTING THE WORKSHEET, CHOOSE THE READINGS FOR APPROPRIATE NUMBERS OF STUDENTS (2, 4 OR 5). ONLY PRINT THOSE PAGES AND NOT THE OTHERS TO SAVE PAPER.

1. Discuss questions, including voting systems and [FPTP](#).
2. Get Students to fill in the table with the amount the suppose each party (or certainly the main ones) got in the election. Then discuss and think of reasons why.

Party	Seats	Percentage of Vote	Total votes
Conservative	331 (50.8%)	36.9%	11,300,303
Labour	232 (35.7%)	30.4%	9,344,328
Scottish National	56 (8.6%)	4.7%	1,454,436
Liberal Democrat	8 (1.2%)	7.9%	2,415,888
Democratic Unionist	8 (1.2%)	0.6%	184,260
Sinn Féin	4 (0.6%)	0.6%	176,232
Plaid Cymru	3 (0.5%)	0.6%	181,694
Ulster Unionist	2 (0.3%)	0.4%	114,935
UK Independence	1 (0.2%)	12.6%	3,881,129
Green Party	1 (0.2%)	3.8%	1,157,613

3. Gap fill Lords and Commons. Discuss the differences

4. Talk about the different groups in the Lords (26 Bishops of the Church of England (Lords Spiritual), they used to be the majority until the dissolution of the Monasteries under Henry 8th; 92 hereditary Peers, selected by other peers when they die; Lords of Appeal in Ordinary (Law Lords), this post was usurped in 2005 by the creation of the Supreme Court in order to create a separation between government and the judiciary; Life Peers, the main group in the Lords, they are appointed for life by the government or opposition parties; Directly-elected Peers, there are none of these.)

4, George Osborne, current Chancellor of the Exchequer, October 2011

3, Tony Benn, then Minister of Technology, 1970

8, Winston Churchill, Prime Minister’s Radio broadcast, June 1940

1, Margaret Thatcher’s speech to the Conservative Party Conference, 10 October 1980

5, Gordon Brown, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, November 1999

7, Queen Victoria, speaking of the Boer War, 1899

2, MP for Wolverhampton Enoch Powell, address to the General Meeting of the local Conservative Political Centre, April 1968

9, Tony Blair, newly-elected Prime Minister, May 1997

6, Paddy Ashdown, former leader of the Liberal Democrats, on seeing the first official exit poll for the 2015 General Election

5. Give out handouts with policies. Students read the most interesting to each other and discuss.