

GOVERNMENT & SOCIETY

1) Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space. Viewed from the outside (1) ____ ..B. , the Houses of Parliament look impressive. The architecture gives the place a traditional look, and the buildings are sandwiched between a busy square and the river, making them a (2) ____ between the country house of an eccentric duke and a Victorian railway station. You have only to learn that the members (3) ____ to each other as 'The Honourable Member ... to (4) ____ the picture of a dignified gentlemen's club, with of course a few ladies to (5) ____ the numbers. Sadly, over the past few years first radio, and now television, have shown the (6) ____ public, who are (7) the electorate, what in fact (8) ____ when bills are discussed and questions are asked. The first obvious fact is that the chamber is very rarely full, and there may be only a handful of members present, some of whom are quite clearly asleep, telling jokes to their neighbour, or shouting like badly-behaved schoolchildren. There is not enough room for them all in the chamber in any (9) ____ , which is a second worrying point. Of course, television does not follow the work of committees, which are the small discussion groups that do most of the real work of the House. But the (10) ____ impression that voters receive of the workings of government is not a good one. To put it (11) ____ , parliament looks disorganised, is clearly behind the (12) ____ and seems to be (13) ____ with bores and comedians. This is presumably why members (14) ____ for so long the efforts of the BBC to (15) ____ parliamentary matters on television.	1) A likewise B at least C nevertheless D as well 2) A mixture B combination C cross D match 3) A call B refer C speak D submit 4) A finalise B end C conclude D complete 5) A take away B bring about C make up D set in 6) A average B ordinary C normal D general 7) A after all B anyway C even D furthermore 8) A comes up B turns up C goes on D lets on 9) A point B way C matter D case 10) A total B broad C overall D comprehensive 11) A bluntly B shortly C directly D basically 12) A ages B times C moments D years 13) A full B filled C composed D comprised 14) A prevented B checked C defied D resisted 15) A circulate B beam C spread D broadcast
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2) Complete each sentence with the most appropriate word from the box.

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- a) Mr Bradly has been elected ...**mayor**. of Greenswold for the third time.
- b) The government has introduced a _____ outlining its plans for the coal industry.
- c) Hello, I'm conducting a _____ about leisure habits.
- d) According to the latest opinion _____ , the National Party are well ahead of their nearest rivals, the Co-operative Party.

- e) Although there is an elected assembly, it is generally recognised that General Domenico wields the real _____
- f) There is a locally elected _____ which has responsibility for roads, street lighting, and other facilities.
- g) The king enjoyed a long _____, and was eventually succeeded by his son, George.
- h) The _____ were slow to take control of the situation after the earthquake.
- i) The Leader of the Opposition proposed a _____ of no confidence in the government.
- j) The prime minister called a top-level meeting with the finance minister, the foreign minister, and other members of the _____ .

3) Replace the underlined word or words with the most appropriate word from the box.

abolished	binding	illegal	permitted	restricted	barred	compulsory	licensed
			required	voluntary			

- a) The proprietor is officially allowed to sell alcohol.
- b) The sale of drugs is controlled by law in most countries
- c) Education from the age of five is obligatory in Britain
- d) Students have been banned from using local pubs since the incident.
- e) The law prohibiting the sale of fruit in the street has been done away with.
- f) For both parties, the terms of this contract are to be obeyed
- g) With the application, a passport-sized photograph is necessary
- h) Smoking is not allowed in the classroom
- i) You don't have to stay after school to help; it's your own decision.
- j) Parking in this street is not allowed on weekdays at certain times.

4) Match the words from the box with the explanations.

ambassador	delegate	patriot	ringleader	terrorist	chairperson	minister	president
			sovereign	traitor			

- a) This person may be the elected head of state. president
- b) This person is responsible for a government department _____
- c) This person leads others to make trouble _____
- d) This person represents their country abroad _____
- e) This person loves their country. _____
- f) This person represents others at a meeting or conference _____
- g) This person betrays their country _____
- h) This person may be the head of state by birth _____
- i) This person uses violence rather than the political system for political ends. _____
- j) This person is the head of a formal meeting. _____

5) Complete the spaces by finding one word which fits in all three sentences.

EXAMPLE: a) Channel 4 will, as ever, be ..following.. the election as it happens.

The Prime Minister was accused of ..following.... a disastrous economic

Policy. Coverage of the sport is postponed ..following.... the sudden death of President Gonzales.

b) It remains to be seen whether Signer Riva _____ a controlling interest in his business empire if he becomes Prime Minister.

As legal executor in this matter, Mr Tomlinson _____ the right to claim compensation costs.

And it's gold! Muller _____ the title which he won in Sydney.

c) Yesterday's poll shows a significant _____ of public opinion away from the Democrats.

Workmen came to remove the faulty _____ from the park.

I've only been here for two days, so I haven't quite got back into the _____ of things yet.

d) The _____ to ban fox hunting was rejected by five votes.

And now we'll see the goal again in slow _____

The constant swaying _____ of the ship made Jan feel sea sick.

e) You can rely on the Prime Minister to take _____ of the situation.

A new _____ measure has been announced to stem the tide of illegal immigrants flooding the country.

The police were accused of heavy-handed crowd _____ tactics.

6) Complete each space with a word formed from the words in CAPITALS and (brackets).

Text 1

Bottled water is expensive, unreliable and has no health benefits at least, that's the view of Water Board chief Bill Tyson.

EXAMPLE: To (1) _____ (HIGH) **ANSWER: highlight** what good value for money ordinary tap water still represents, Tyson is running a campaign promoting good old-fashioned tap water and, by implication, criticising bottled water. He claims that there is little to (2) _____ (DIFFER) bottled water from tap water, since there are often discrepancies between the added mineral (3) _____ (CONTAIN) of bottled water and what's on the label. Furthermore, he claims some bottled water 4) _____ (PRODUCE) are blended from several sources and might even contain tap water. The exaggerated claims made by bottled water manufacturers are 'nothing short of (5) _____ (SCANDAL),' he added.

Text 2

My interest in alternative medicine began when I learned (6) _____ (RELAX) techniques to help overcome stress. I was a student in those days, and I became fascinated by the idea of maintaining a harmony and flow of healthy energy in the body. Now I'm a fully qualified homeopathic (7) _____ (PRACTICE) and I work on the fundamental principle that illness is caused by (8) _____ (BALANCE) in the body. The remedies I prescribe aim to restore this balance. And contrary to (9) _____ (PEOPLE) belief, homeopathy is based on very sound (10) _____ (SCIENCE) principles.