

Parliament:

- Parliament is a group of people in the UK that create our laws. The government leader is called the prime minister.
- Other countries that Britain once ruled have parliaments also. Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and India are among the former British colonies that have parliaments
- Britain's Parliament consists of two houses: the House of Lords and the House of Commons.
- They hold their meetings in the Parliament buildings in London, England.

House of lords:

- For many years most members of the House of Lords were nobles, or people born into the upper classes. These people inherited their seats in the house.
- Since 1999 the house has been made up mainly of people chosen by the government for outstanding achievement. Senior judges and senior clergy (church leaders) of the Church of England are also members. The member in charge of the House of Lords is called the lord chancellor.

House of commons:

- Members of the House of Commons (MP's) are elected by the people.
- The MP's are part of parties (They pick a party which is a group of people, that have similar ideas to them such as ideas on the laws and rules that the UK should have.
- The ruling party schedules elections, but there must be an election at least once every five years.
- The member who leads the ruling party serves as prime minister.
- A member called the speaker controls the debates, or arguments, in the house.

How laws are created:

