

Britain 1918-97

Key terms: Political system

PARLIAMENT (HOUSE OF COMMONS AND HOUSE OF LORDS)	
CABINET	
GOVERNMENT	
PRIME MINISTER	
CHANCELLOR OF EXCHEQUER	
MP	
BILL	
ROYAL ASSENT	
ACT OF PARLIAMENT	
FIRST PAST THE POST	
HOUSE OF COMMONS	

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Check your overall understanding of the UK's political context in 2026.

1. Who is the UK's current Prime Minister and which political party does he/she lead?
2. Who is the leader of the main opposition party?
3. Name the party with the third highest number of seats in the House of Commons?
4. What is the overall majority of the government in Parliament at the moment?
5. How many women are MPs in the House of Commons at the minute?
6. Which constituency do you live in and who is your MP?
7. When will the next General Election be held?

<https://www.politicalcompass.org/test>

Over the course of Y12 and Y13, you will become familiar with terms such as left/right wing, liberal, socialist, conservative and others to describe the way politicians and the people thought about the main issues of the day

This test (there are many others available online) will present you with some questions about your own political beliefs and the results will then categorise your thinking using some of the terms above

Don't take it too seriously!

Overview of governments 1918-1997

Period	Party in power	Prime Minister
1918-22		
1922-23		
1923-24		
1924-29		
1929-31		
1931-35		
1935-40		
1940-45		
1945-51		
1951-55		
1955-59		
1959-64		
1964-70		
1970-74		
1974-79		
1979-83		
1983-87		
1987-92		
1992-97		

