*Year 8 Lesson 1 WC 6.7.20 Main Worksheet*

**Today’s LO: How does politics work in Britain today?**

**Do Now – What would you change if you were in charge of the country?**

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Complete Challenge task on lined paper, clearly labelling it ‘Do Now – Challenge’.

**Starter – What sort of person should the leader of a country be? (e.g. kind, fair, decisive)**

I think the leader of a country should be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Complete Challenge task on lined paper, clearly labelling it ‘Starter – Challenge’.

**Knowledge Check**

1. In Britain today, we live in a d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This word literally means ‘rule by \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’.

1. In a democracy, one person in charge can do whatever they want. TRUE or FALSE?
2. To choose (e\_\_\_\_\_) who is in charge in a d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, people vote in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Challenge – Imagine you wanted to win an election in a democracy. How would you get people to vote for you?**

**Write some ideas down on lined paper, clearly labelling it ‘Knowledge Check – Challenge’.**

**Knowledge Recap 1**

In every country, someone is in charge. This person (or group of people), decides what the rules are for everyone else. Their job is to make sure that the people they rule over are happy and safe. A good leader can be many things, but most people agree they should be fair and able to make good decisions.

In Britain today, we live in a **democracy**. The word ‘democracy’ literally means ‘**rule by all the people’**. In theory, this means that **everyone is allowed to have a say** in making the rules – instead of just one person telling everyone what to do.

In democracies, people **vote** in **elections** to choose (**elect**) who is in charge.

**Knowledge Check 2**

A group of people with similar ideas about running a country is called a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Another word for these ideas is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Challenge: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Knowledge Recap 2**

In election time, different political parties **campaign** (compete) to try and get people to vote for them.

The party that ends up with the most votes wins, and their leader becomes the **Prime Minister**, who is in charge of the whole country.

But this doesn’t mean they can do what they want – they have to discuss any **policies** with their own and other political parties before they become **law.**

T**hey also have to keep their promises to people who voted for them** – otherwise they won’t get elected again at the next election!