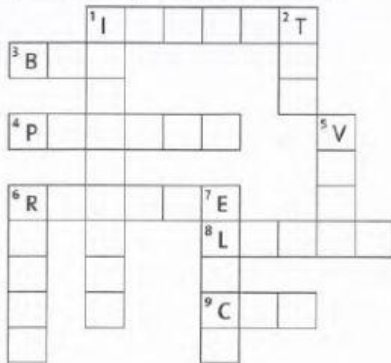


VOCABULARY ■ Government policies

1 ★ Complete the crossword.



Across

- 1 put money into something to make it better
- 3 make something illegal, for example, smoking
- 4 allow
- 6 make something smaller
- 8 move something down
- 9 stop, remove or reduce something

Down

- 1 make something available for the first time
- 2 money that is paid to the government
- 5 say which candidate you want to win an election
- 6 increase or make something higher
- 7 choose a person by voting

2 ★★ Choose the correct answers.

The government has _____ smoking in restaurants.

a banned b raised c lowered d introduced

- 1 Did you _____ for Tom Jones in the last election?
a invest b tax c introduce d vote
- 2 The government _____ EU citizens to enter the country without a visa.
a stands for b permits c cuts d elects
- 3 Are they going to _____ income tax next year?
a build b invest c lower d tax
- 4 If you _____ me, I'll make university education completely free!
a vote b ban c elect d introduce
- 5 They'll _____ a better health system.
a introduce b ban c cut d tax
- 6 If we _____ our education budget, we'll have more money for health services.
a cut b tax c permit d stand for

7 The government needs to _____ €20 million in education.

a invest b elect c lower d vote

8 Can you _____ parliament if you are 16?

a reduce b invest c ban d stand for

3 ★★★ Complete the text with the words in the box.

elect introduce lower raise invest
stand for tax vote ban

Broken promises?

At election times, politicians stand for parliament and make promises because they want the public to 1 _____ for them.

'If you 2 _____ us, we'll build more hospitals and improve the health service! And we'll 3 _____ more in public transport and new roads,' they say.

'Education is very important. We'll 4 _____ free milk and fruit for every school student!'

Politicians say, 'We'll 5 _____ taxes, we'll 6 _____ nuclear weapons, we'll do everything that you want!'

In reality, however, governments need to 7 _____ the public, or they'd have no money. And after an election, governments often have to 8 _____ taxes to pay for the things they've promised!



4 ★★★ Imagine you are the mayor of your town or city. What changes would you introduce? Write six sentences using the verbs in the box.

ban cut invest introduce permit
raise reduce

I'd introduce a programme of activities for young people in the city.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____