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Types of Government

A perfect government does not exist. Nevertheless, some forms of government are better than others. There are four main types of government: **Democracy, Monarchy, Republic and Dictatorship.**

Democracy Government

In a democracy, the government is elected by the people. It is sometimes referred to as a **“Government for the people and by the people”**. Everyone who is eligible to vote has a chance to have their say over who runs the country. A democracy is determined either directly or through elected representatives. Some of the freedoms include: free elections, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of movement, freedom to assemble, several political parties, one cannot be jailed without a trial and power is shared amongst numerous bodies e.g. cabinet leaders- in charge of various ministries / judges – administering the law. Examples of democratic governments include: The Bahamas, the United Kingdom (Britain), France and United States of America.

Monarchy Government

A monarchy has a sovereign King, Queen, Emperor or Empress. The ruling position can be passed on to the ruler's heirs. In some traditional monarchies, the monarch has absolute power. But a constitutional monarchy, like The Bahamas, also has a democratic government that limits the monarch's control. Examples include: The Bahamas, the United Kingdom (Britain), Canada, Denmark, Belgium, Saudi Arabia, Jamaica, Thailand.

Republic Government

A republic is a country that has no monarch. The head of the country is usually an elected president. The position of president is not hereditary. Examples include: The United States of America, France, Haiti and South Africa

Dictatorship Government

A country ruled by a single leader or a small group of people. The leader is called a dictator. The leader has not been elected and may use force to keep control. In a military dictatorship, the army is in control. There are very few freedoms. There is no freedom of speech, no freedom of movement, no elections, one can be jailed without a trial or even killed if one speaks out against the government. Examples include: China, Afghanistan, North Korea, Russia and Iraq.

Instructions: State the type of government the following pictures depicts. Drag the correct answer to the correct space.

DEMOCRACY

DICTATORSHIP

MONARCHY

REPUBLIC



State whether the following is a **Democracy**, **Dictatorship**, **Monarchy** or **Republic** Government.

Belgium	
Empress	
For the people, by the people	
France	
Freedom of movement	
Freedom of speech	
Freedom to assemble	
King	
Led by one person	
No elections	
North Korea	
Position is not hereditary	
President	
South Africa	
United States	