

a) Match the words (1-10) with their definitions (a-j).

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| 1 | elect | a | the group of people who are elected to make and change the laws of a country |
| 2 | elections | b | to choose somebody to have a particular job or position by voting for him/her |
| 3 | government | c | the group of people who have the same political aims and ideas and who are trying to win elections to parliament |
| 4 | minister | d | the politicians or the political parties that are in Parliament but not in the government |
| 5 | opposition | e | an official position as a member of a parliament |
| 6 | parliament | f | a member of the government, often the head of a governmental department |
| 7 | party | g | the time of choosing a Member of Parliament, President, etc. by voting |
| 8 | poll | h | a formal choice in an election or at a meeting, which you show by holding up your hand or writing on a piece of paper |
| 9 | seat | i | the process of voting in a political election; the number of votes given |
| 10 | vote | j | the group of people who rule or control a country |

Choose the best word or phrase (a-d) to complete each sentence (1-12).

- 1 The current Prime Minister has been in _____ **b** _____ for almost ten years but now he is much less popular than he used to be.
- 2 A group of people were _____ a protest about illegal whaling outside the Japanese embassy last weekend.
- 3 In the UK, the politicians belong to one of the three main political _____ and to many minor ones as well.
- 4 In the weeks leading up to the election, supporters of the various parties are out on the streets _____ to get their candidate elected.
- 5 The senior politician _____ a major scandal when it was revealed that he had accepted bribes.
- 6 Global warming and greenhouse gases are two of the _____ topics in politics at the moment.
- 7 In UK politics, an elected politician who has a seat in government is known as an MP or '_____':
- 8 Nowadays many people criticise politicians for using _____ to dress up information to make it more appealing to the public.
- 9 Senator Greenbanks has yet to confirm the rumours that he intends to run _____ president.
- 10 International officials monitoring the polling saw nothing suspicious to make them believe that the election had been _____.
- 11 Friends of the Earth are an international pressure _____ whose aim is introduce green issues into mainstream politics.
- 12 George Hallibut, the MP for South Moulton has formerly announced that he will not be _____ in the next general election.

Listen about Martin Luther King and say if the statements below are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 King lived in the 19th century.
- 2 King's aim was to put an end to segregation¹ in the USA.
- 3 King and his followers never used force or violence.
- 4 Rosa Parks from Montgomery was a poor old black woman.
- 5 Rosa Parks organised a boycott of city buses.
- 6 King and his followers won their first victory in Montgomery.
- 7 The 1963 protest march was broadcast.
- 8 It was very hard for King to organise the protest action in Washington, D.C.
- 9 In 1965 black Americans were given the right to vote.
- 10 King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.