State structures and offices

1 Choose the correct words to complete the email.

To: mia_bar@mail.co
Subject: Re:

Hi Hanna,

I expect you know that we've got a general (**1**) **election / choice** soon. It's on TV all the time and (**2**) **salesmen / representatives** of the three main parties are out (**3**) **persuading / campaigning**, and handing out leaflets every day. The government's (**4**) **term / length** of office in the UK is five years, so I wasn't (**5**) **right / eligible** to vote last time, but now I am. However, it's difficult to decide who to support. We've got a right-(**6**) **arm / wing** party – the Conservatives, left (**7**) **socialist / social** is Labour and the (**8**) **middle / centre** party are the Liberal Democrats. Of course, there are plenty of other small parties, too. They all write about their different (**9**) **policies / decisions** in a party (**10**) **outline / manifesto**, but you never know if they'll keep their promises, do you? Oh well, I'll probably decide when I get to the (**11**) **voting / polling** station on the day.

Jason

2 Complete the blog extracts with the correct words in the boxes.

federal Senate president Republicans Congress state Democrats Representatives

A In the USA, we have a pretty complicated governing system. We have two houses of (**1**) _____: the House of (**2**) _____ and the (**3**) _____. There are two main parties: the (**4**) _____ and the (**5**) _____. Our system is called a (**6**) _____ system and our head of (**7**) _____ is the (**8**) _____.

Lords minister monarchy Commons Members Parliament

B In the UK, our head of state is the Queen because we're a (**9**) _____. Our government is made up of MPs, that's (**10**) _____ of Parliament and they meet in the Houses of (**11**) _____. We have two – the House of (**12**) _____ (elected MPs) and the House of (**13**) _____ (non-elected). The leader of our government is called the prime (**14**) _____

COLLOCATIONS

Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in the box.

give pass stand win fight vote raise debate

1 Our MP didn't _____ **for re-election** this time.
2 The Conservatives have promised to _____ a law to _____ the age for leaving school.
3 On Channel 5, you can see the MPs _____ **different issues** in the Commons.
4 Which party did you _____ **for** in the last election?
5 Labour _____ **the election** with a clear majority.
6 The Prime Minister _____ **a press conference** yesterday after his party was defeated in the vote on animal rights.
7 Tony Blair _____ **three elections** and won them all.

International and social organisations

Complete the names of the international organisations. The first letters have been given.

1 The European U_____
2 The International Monetary F___
3 The North Atlantic T_____ Organization
4 The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting C_____
5 The World H_____ Organization
6 The United N_____
7 The World T____ Organization

WORD BUILDING

EXTENDED

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

1 The EU has its _____ (**originate**) in the EEC (the European Economic Community) and it has grown a lot since its _____ (**form**) in 1951.
2 The IMF works to encourage strong economic _____ (**grow**) and makes financial _____ (**source**) available to member countries.
3 The WHO has its _____ (**head**) in Geneva. The organisation's priorities include attacking the problem of _____ (**communicate**) diseases such as AIDS.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Domestic and international conflicts

11 Complete the sentences with the correct words. Some letters have been given.

1 A bomb **ex**_____ in the city centre last night. The police suspect **ter**_____ are responsible.
2 Increased **fi**_____ on the edge of the capital city shows that there is no sign of an end to the **ci**_____ war.
3 The country's leader has warned that outside military **int**_____ is not the answer to his country's problems.
4 Many people have signed an online **pe**_____ against higher student fees. There will be several **pr**_____ marches and **de**_____ all over the UK at the weekend.
5 There were **ri**_____ in parts of London yesterday evening after a man was shot by the police.
6 The government announced this morning that there will be cuts in spending on the armed **fo**_____ next year.

12 Choose the correct words to complete the news reports.

1 Weapons of **most / mass** destruction were found after the **invasion / entrance**. These are against international law and must be destroyed.
2 Governments are convinced that **sanctions / negotiations** against the country are working and that there is no need for any intervention.
3 **Negotiations / Arguments** have started to solve the problem between the two countries.
4 Terrorists have attacked **citizens / civilians** in the heart of the city.
5 The leader of the country has said that all his soldiers will **submit / surrender** within two months.

EXTENDED

Complete the sentences with the correct words in the box.

troops	treaty	bullets	withdrawn
uprising	cannons		

1 Reports are just coming in of an _____ in the country following an unpopular election victory.
2 _____ will be _____ from the region next year.
3 Finally, a _____ has been signed, which should end the war between the two countries.
4 During the London riots, the police used rubber _____ and water _____ to control the violent crowds.

PREPOSITIONS

16 Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

1 The police **accused** Mark _____ stealing the car.
2 My uncle was **banned** _____ driving for a year after the accident.
3 The man who burgled our house is also **suspected** _____ ten more burglaries in the area.
4 They haven't **arrested** anyone yet _____ setting fire to the hotel.
5 Tom was **fined** _____ speeding on the motorway.
6 The newspaper says that the police are going to **charge** one of the store detectives _____ theft!
7 The murderer was **sentenced** _____ life imprisonment.
8 Rich people can pay to be **defended** in court _____ the best lawyers.

LIVEWORKSHEETS