

State structures and offices

1 Choose the correct words to complete the email.

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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

- Our MP didn't _____ for re-election this time.
- The Conservatives have promised to _____ a law to _____ the age for leaving school.
- On Channel 5, you can see the MPs _____ different issues in the Commons.
- Which party did you _____ for in the last election?
- Labour _____ the election with a clear majority.
- The Prime Minister _____ a press conference yesterday after his party was defeated in the vote on animal rights.
- 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.

- The European U_____
- The International Monetary F_____
- The North Atlantic T_____ Organization
- The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting C_____
- The World H_____ Organization
- The United N_____
- The World T_____ Organization

WORD BUILDING

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

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

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.

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.