

Unit 5: Politics

Match the words in column A with the definitions in column B.

A	B
(1) patriotic	(a) having a great love of your country
(2) radical	(b) a system of government in which there is only one political party, and citizens have no freedom of speech or democratic rights
(3) totalitarian	(c) strongly believing in capitalism/the free market
(4) right-wing	(d) very different from what most people think
A	B
(1) left-wing	(a) a person who is applying for a political position
(2) candidate	(b) believing in socialism/equality
(3) nationalism	(c) a political perspective or way of seeing the world, such as conservatism or communism
(4) ideology	(d) when the interests of your country are more important than anything else

A	B
(1) anarchism	(a) a department of government that is responsible for one particular area of interest, like education or defence
(2) committee	(b) a form of government in which a king or queen is in charge
(3) monarchy	(c) an official group of people who meet to make decisions about a particular issue
(4) ministry	(d) an ideology which asserts that laws and governments are not important or necessary

A	B
(1) president	(a) the most important minister in a government
(2) election	(b) a vote by all the registered voters in a country or area on a particular issue
(3) referendum	(c) the head of state in a republic
(4) prime minister	(d) when people vote for the person/party they want to form a government

A	B
(1) democracy	(a) to choose which party you want to form a government
(2) policy	(b) a system where the people have the power to elect a government of their own choosing
(3) political party	(c) a group of people with similar political beliefs who want to form a government
(4) vote	(d) a proposal on a particular issue
A	B
(1) socialist	(a) a person who believes in preserving traditions
(2) conservative	(b) two or more parties working together to govern the country
(3) coup	(c) when a government is overthrown, usually by the army or armed forces, and is replaced by a new government
(4) coalition	(d) a person who believes in equality and the equal distribution of wealth

Complete the sentences below with a word from this unit. You may have to change the form of the word so that it fits into the sentence grammatically.

1. To be a presidential_____in the USA you need to have a lot of money, as getting elected there requires spending very large sums of money.
2. An_____is when people vote for the party they want to govern the country.

3. Republicans and Democrats are two of the _____ in the USA.
4. The two parties decided to work together and form a _____ government.
5. Margaret Thatcher was the first woman to be _____ in the UK.
6. Conservatism, liberalism and socialism are all _____, or different ways of seeing the world politically.
7. Some people in England like the idea of having a king or queen as head of state. They believe in the idea of a _____.
8. Most people are _____ to some extent. They always support their country at the World Cup or other important sporting events.
9. Scotland held a _____ in 2015 to see if people still wanted to be a part of the United Kingdom or to become an independent country.
10. He claimed to be a _____, yet he was rich and selfish.
11. The army staged a _____ and installed a new government.
12. The Republicans are considered to be more _____ - _____ than the Democrats, who are considered to be more left wing.

What can you remember?

Now, try to memorise the 24 words in this unit in two minutes. Then, without looking, write down all the words that you can remember.

Politics Vocabulary Word Search

Find the words listed below the word search. They may be vertical, horizontal, diagonal, forwards or backwards. Have fun!

Y	F	C	I	T	O	I	R	T	A	P	X	Y
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anarchism							patriotic					
coalition							policy					
committee							president					
democracy							radical					
ministry							vote					