#### THE POLITICAL SYSTEM OF GREAT



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# The Parliament consists of two Houses: The House of Lords The House of Commons



### Traditionally the Queen opens the Parliament every autumn.



The Queen sits on the "throne" in the House of Lords. She reads the "Queen's Speech".

At the State Opening of Parliament the Queen wears a crown. She wears other jewels from the Crown Jewels, too.

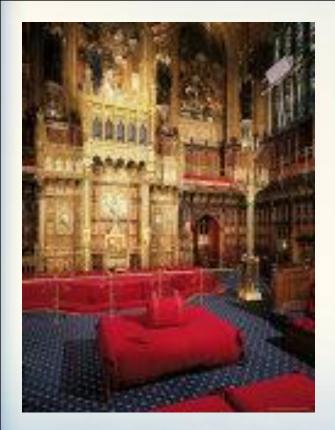


#### House of Lords



There are more than 1000 members in the House of Lords.

Many seats are hereditary.



## The Lord Chancellor is chairman and sits on special sit called Woolsack

Woolsack House of Lords,



#### The House of Commons



The House of
Commons has 651
members.
They are elected by
a general election
(secret ballot).

The members sit on two sides of the hall, one for the governing party and the other for the opposition.



The Speaker is elected at the beginning of each new Parliament. He cannot debate or vote unless the voting is equal, in which case he votes with Government.





The British Prime
Minister

David Cameronthe leader of the
conservative party (Tory)





### Downing Street, 10

The place where the prime-minister lives.





