

National Government



Aim

- To understand the terms democracy and human rights in relation to national government.

Success Criteria

- I can talk about what national government is.
- I can talk about what national government does.
- I can explain how national government works.



What is 'national government'
and what does it do?

How does national
government work?



Local Government



What can you remember about democracy, human rights and local government?

Write down all you can on a piece of paper, maybe use coloured pens. Try to make as many links as you can between all three aspects.

What a lot you have remembered;
well done!



National Government

Members of parliament (MPs) link local governments to national government.

The British government's job is to run all parts of our country. It has to make important decisions which they feel will help us lead happy and successful lives.

National government is based in Westminster, London in the Houses of Parliament.



In the United Kingdom, the prime minister leads the government with the support of the cabinet and ministers.

Through devolution the Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales and the Northern Ireland Assembly were established, giving more power to the countries of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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The prime minister is head of the UK government.

The cabinet is made up of the senior members of the government.

Ministers are chosen by the prime minister from the members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

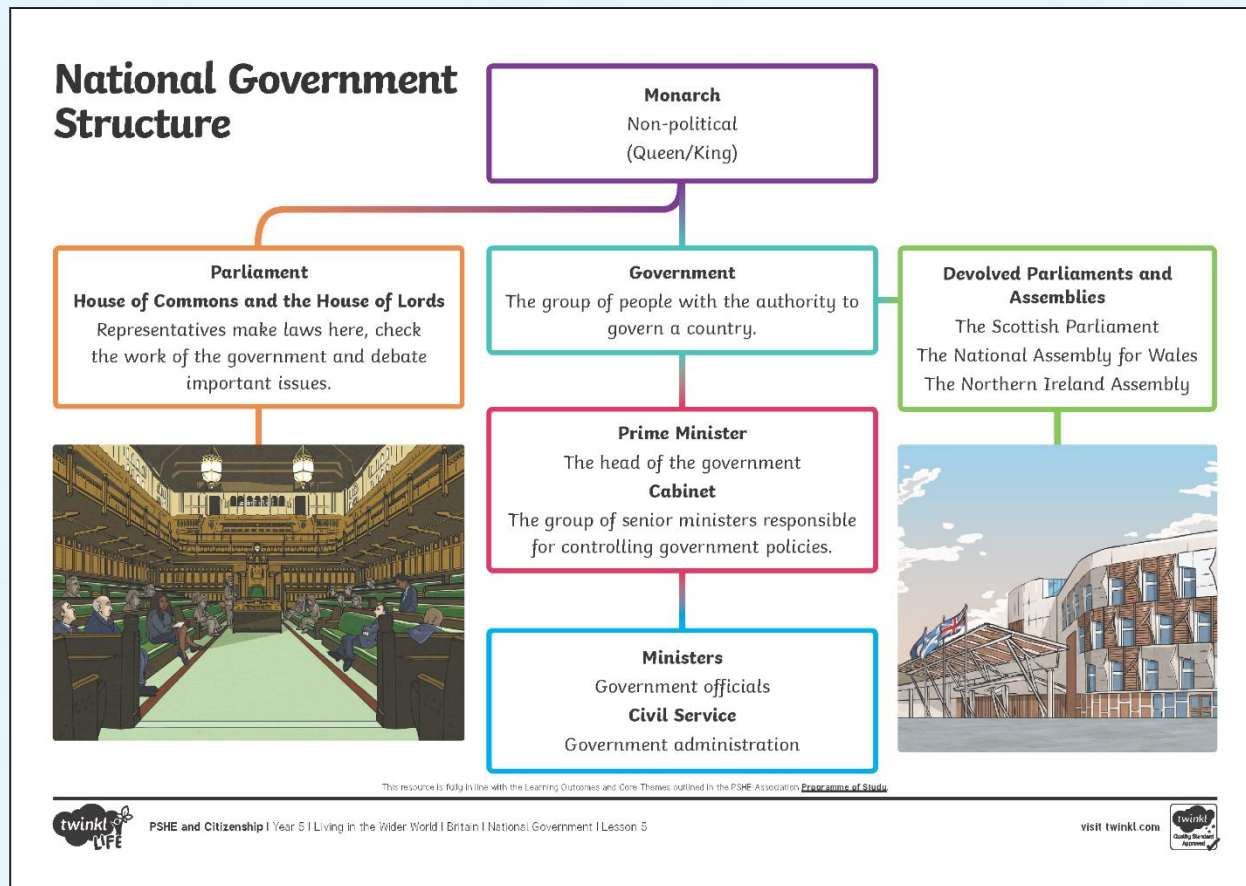


Government departments and agencies put government policies into practice. For example the departments of education, environment, food, transport, work and health.

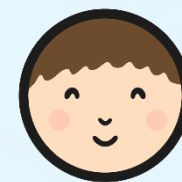
The civil service does the practical and administrative work of the government.

National Government

This diagram shows the structure of the British government.



Working Together



National government plays an important part in our daily lives in Britain.

Use all you have learnt to help you answer the quiz questions.

National Government Quiz

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Word Bank:

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- human rights
- national government
- roles
- responsibilities
- prime minister
- politicians
- members of parliament

Britain without a National Government



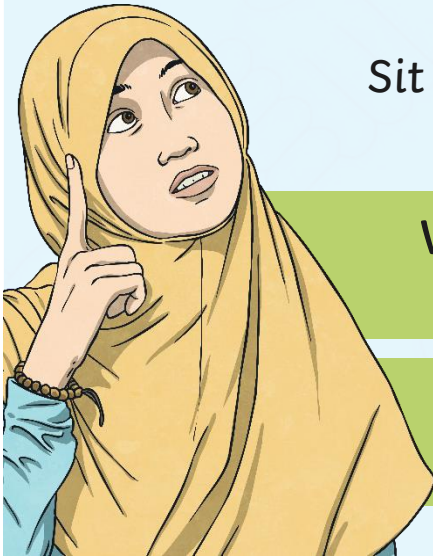
Sit quietly for a moment and think about your answers to these questions:

What would British society be like without a national government?

How does our national government help the British people?

Now, share if you can your thoughts with a partner and then feed back to the class.

We are very fortunate to live in a democracy where our government makes laws to protect us and works hard to make sure all people are able to live in the way in which they choose.



The Big Questions



What is 'national government' and what does it do?

How does national government work?

How have your answers changed from the beginning of the lesson?
What have you learnt that has impacted you most?

