



# Week 2 – vocabulary

General election	When the citizens of a country (the electorate) vote to elect a new government. A general election in the UK usually happens once every five years.
Political party	An organised group of people who wish to govern a country and have very similar political ideas.
Member of Parliament (MP)	The representative elected to represent a constituency and formally elected to the UK's national legislative body.
Candidate	A person who is standing in an election.
Manifesto	A statement published by a person or group of people, especially a political party, in which they state what their aims and policies are.
Intention	What a candidate wants to do if they are elected – their plans for the future and how they will represent the local community.
Opinion	What a candidate thinks about different issues.
Motivation	Why a candidate wants to become an MP – their reason for standing in election.
Vision	What a candidate imagines the country and local area could be like if their plans were implemented.
Constituency	The specific geographical area that is represented by each MP in the House of Commons.
Electorate	People who are eligible to vote.
Campaigning	Actions or events organised by an individual or a group of people to achieve an aim.
Local issue	An issue that impacts the areas close to you, e.g. your estate, town or city.
National issue	An issue that has an impact on the whole country.
Fact checking	The investigation of an issue or information, with the aim of checking and verifying that the facts are given accurately. The process of fact checking is used by journalists to check the accuracy of information they are reporting.