

Compare the vote – Level 3

Elections and voting

Different legislatures use different voting arrangements and systems to elect their members.

1. Fill in the blanks using the words or phrases that refer to a general election in the United Kingdom.

	UK – House of Commons
1	Parliamentary elections are held in 650 _____ called constituencies.
2	650 _____ are up for grabs, one for every constituency. Each constituency has around 70,000 voters.
3	When the votes are counted in each constituency, the candidate receiving the most votes wins a _____ .
4	Voters in each constituency are represented by a single _____ .
5	A _____ that wins an overall majority of seats (326) can form the _____ .
6	MPs are elected to the House of Commons using a voting system sometimes called _____ .

- **seats** • **elected representative** • **seat in Parliament** • **voting areas**
- **UK government** • **first past the post** • **political party**

2. Fill in the blanks using the words or phrases that refer to European Parliamentary elections.

Europe – European Parliament	
1	European Parliamentary elections are held in 27 voting areas. Each EU _____ represents one voting area.
2	736 seats are allocated to member states according to _____. For example, the UK has 73 seats while Portugal fills only 22.
3	When votes are counted in each country, the total seats won by a _____ reflects the number of votes cast for that _____.
4	Voters in each member state might be represented by several _____.
5	A _____ is not drawn out of the European Parliament. Parties with similar views often vote together on issues.
6	Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) are elected to the European Parliament using a _____.

- **government** • **elected representatives** • **political party** • **member state**
- **party** • **proportional electoral system** • **GDP** • **population**

3. Fill in the blanks using the words or phrases that refer to elections for the US House of Representatives.

USA – House of Representatives	
1	Elections are held in each of 435 voting areas across America. These areas are called _____, or electoral, districts.
2	435 seats are available in the House of Representatives. More _____ states have more districts and, therefore, more seats.
3	When the votes are counted in each district, the candidate receiving the _____ wins a seat in the House of Representatives.
4	Voters in each district are represented by a single elected representative. Elections are held every _____.
5	The US president is elected separately from the House of Representatives. The president chooses the _____.

- **US government** • **two years** • **five years** • **populous** • **important** • **senatorial**
- **most votes** • **wealthy** • **US monarchy** • **congressional** • **majority of votes**

4. Fill in the blanks using the words or phrases that refer to elections for the US Senate.

USA – The Senate	
1	Senate elections are held across the country, in each of the _____ .
2	100 seats are available. Each state has two representatives, regardless of the state's _____ .
3	When votes are counted in each state, the two individual candidates receiving _____ votes win seats in the US Senate.
4	Each state's population is represented by two elected representatives. Senators serve _____ terms.
5	The US president is elected separately from the House of Representatives. The president chooses the _____ .

- population • wealth • six year • two year • four year • a majority of the
- US government • status • the most • 50 states