

Introduction to A-level Politics

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INTRODUCTION: TASK 1

Democracy means literally *rule by the people*. Democracy refers to political systems in which the people are involved in decision-making in some way, either directly or indirectly. There are two main democratic systems.

- → direct democracy
- → representative democracy

Look up the key terms (see table below). After reading and exploring its meaning, write out an explanation and give an example. Ensure your example is not more than 15 years old.

Key term	Explanation	Example
Direct democracy		
Representative democracy		
Majority rule		
Pluralist democracy		
Political party		
Politician		
National referendums		
Legitimacy		

UK DEMOCRACTIC SYSTEM: TASK 2

In preparation for your first two weeks in September, research general elections in the UK. Use the table to guide the types of facts and figures you should investigate and learn.

	Voter turnout %	Party forming government	No. of Conservative Party seats	% Conservative share of votes	No. of Labour Party seats	% Labour share of votes	No. of Liberal Democrat seats	% Lib Democrat share of votes
2019								
2017								
2015								
2010								
2005								
2001								
1997								