

Self-study exercises

3a A day in the life of an MP

1 Choose the correct pronoun or possessive adjective to complete the sentences.

- Example: We're going to meet*them*..... after the discussion. (they / them)
- 1 MPs would like constituents to ring or email the office. (his / their)
 - 2 For, it's important that people know he's an honest person. (him / he)
 - 3 If you want to speak to Mrs Brown, please call office. (hers / her)
 - 4 He told to write to him about the problems we have. (our / us)
 - 5 interesting to hear what people think about the environment. (Its / It's)
 - 6 We go to local constituency office about once a month. (our / ours)
 - 7 We haven't received form yet. (its / your)
 - 8 They wanted to ask (me / my) opinion about social welfare.

3b A safe seat

1 Match the terms on the left with the definitions on the right.

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| 1 a political party | a the building where the laws of the UK are made |
| 2 the House of Lords | b the person elected by the public to represent them in Parliament. |
| 3 the House of Commons | c the areas the country is divided into for elections |
| 4 The Houses of Parliament | d the process by which the public vote for MPs |
| 5 Member of Parliament (MP) | e a group of people who have similar political aims |
| 6 the constituencies | f the place where MPs meet |
| 7 an election | g the second, non-elected, House in Parliament |

2 Complete the sentences using the correct forms of the verbs below in the passive.

hold destroy call make elect build

- Example: The Palace of Westminster ...*was built*... in the 14th century.
- 1 Members of Parliament to the House of Commons.
 - 2 The Palace of Westminster by a fire in 1834.
 - 3 Laws in the Houses of Parliament.
 - 4 Elections every five years.
 - 5 The head of the second biggest party the Leader of the Opposition.

3c Contacting your MP

1 Make questions from the sentences below.

- Example: Ali has been to the House of Lords. *Has Ali been to the House of Lords?*
- 1 The Prime Minister has met the local people. ?
 - 2 They have visited the Houses of Parliament. ?
 - 3 You've had a problem with the council. ?
 - 4 We have sent them an email. ?
 - 5 Ana's contacted her local MP. ?
 - 6 Mrs Jones has made an appointment. ?

2 Rewrite the following words using the correct capital letters.

- Example: dear sir ...*Dear Sir*...
- 1 yours faithfully
 - 2 i look forward to your Reply
 - 3 dear madam / sir
 - 4 palace of westminster
 - 5 15 church road
 - 6 dear mr smith
 - 7 Northern ireland
 - 8 22nd july