



Germany



King George I



Robert Walpole

A long time ago, England had a King called George, he was the first King to be called George, and so we call him George I. He came from a place called Hanover in Germany.

King George didn't speak English and he spent a lot of time in Germany, so he gave some power to another man called Robert Walpole to make decisions whilst he was away. He would tell King George what parliament were talking about. He was called the 'Prime Minister' and prime means first.

The King offered Robert Walpole a house on Downing Street, near the Houses of Parliament, and whoever is the Prime Minister still lives there today – this house is called 10 Downing Street.

The current Prime Minister is the leader of the government of Britain. We vote every 4 or 5 years to choose who makes the government. One of these people becomes the Prime Minister. The role of parliament is to check all the work that the government does and to discuss and approve new laws. The government are responsible for the running of the country, led by the Prime Minister.



United Kingdom / Prime ministers



Boris Johnson
2019-



Theresa May
2016-2019



David
Cameron
2010-2016



Gordon
Brown
2007-2010



Tony Blair
1997-2007



John Major
1990-1997



Margaret
Thatcher
1979-1990

Do you know who the
current Prime
Minister of the UK is?

The Prime Minister has many different roles.



They visit other world leaders to talk about important world topics.



They visit schools, hospitals and people in the community. They talk to people to find out ways they could help them.



They attend parliament to debate and make decisions for our country.

TP: What would you do if you were Prime Minister for a day?

What would you change?

Your Task

Write an account of what you would do and what you would try to change if you were Prime Minister for the day.

Challenge: To write a diary entry in the role of the Prime Minister. (See next slide for an example.)



Dear diary,

Today has been a very busy day. First, I had a very important meeting with other world leaders. We talked about how to make the world a better place.

After that, I had an appointment at the hospital because I wanted to speak to the staff and patients to find out what was important to them. Staff wanted more pay and more money for the hospital. Some of the patients were upset because they had to wait a very long time to see a doctor or get an appointment. I am worried about their complaints.

Then, I attended Parliament to debate about increasing fines for people who break the law.