7 Culture & CLIL

Civic and Ethical Education

The UK Youth Parliament

Start thinking
1 Who’s the political leader of your country at the moment?
2 Which political party does this leader represent?
3 How often are general elections held in your country?

Comprehension check

1 Watch the video clip and choose the correct answers.
   1 How many people are you allowed to vote for in a general election in the UK?
      a 1  b 2  c 3  d 4
   2 How many members does the UK Youth Parliament have?
      a over 100  c over 400
      b over 200  d over 600
   3 What did Diko use to promote her campaign?
      a email  c Twitter
      b Facebook  d texts

2 Watch again and complete the sentences with numbers.
   1 A government is elected at least once every ________ years in the UK.
   2 UK citizens over the age of ________ have the right to vote.
   3 Around ________% of people chose not to vote in the 2010 general election.
   4 ________-year-olds who are working have to pay taxes, but can’t vote.
   5 The youngest MYPs are ________ years old.
   6 There were ________ candidates in the elections for the Oxfordshire MYPs.
   7 Some people want to lower the voting age to ________.
   8 ________ new MYPs were chosen in the election.

3 Watch again. True or false? Write T or F. Correct the false sentences.
   1 __ In a UK general election, citizens vote for a Prime Minister.
   2 __ People only vote if there’s a party they support.
   3 __ 16-year-olds with jobs don’t have to pay taxes.
   4 __ The teenagers in the meeting are looking at how the government spends its time.

5 Complete the summary with the words from the box.

government  general election  party
Prime Minister  eighteen  law
Houses of Parliament  Member of Parliament

A ________ is held at least once every five years in the UK, and citizens vote for a ________ in their area. Citizens over the age of ________ can vote, but the ________ doesn’t make people vote. The ________ with the most elected MPs usually forms the next ________, under the leadership of the ________. In London, politicians meet in the ________ to discuss the most important issues.
Language check

6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of make, let or be allowed to. Add an object pronoun if necessary.

1. It isn’t possible to vote for more than one MP.
   You ______________________ for more than one MP.

2. We’re 16 so we can’t vote.
   The government ______________________.

3. We must pay taxes if we have a job.
   The law ______________________ taxes, if we have a job.

4. MYPs can make speeches about important issues.
   As an MYP, I ______________________ speeches about important issues.

5. At the last meeting, they said we could decide how to spend the government’s money.
   At the last meeting, they ______________________ how to spend the government’s money.

6. My mum said I had to vote, but it was difficult.
   My mum ______________________, but it was difficult.

7 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs.

1. Anne won’t win the match unless she ____________ (play) well.

2. If they ____________ (live) in the UK, would they learn English?

3. If he ____________ (not study), he won’t pass.

4. If I don’t set my alarm clock, I ____________ (not get up) on time.

5. I wish you ____________ (not drink) so much coffee.

6. If Tina had a car, she ____________ (not walk) to work.

7. As soon as you get there, ____________ (you / phone) me?

8. If only James ____________ (know) how to cook!

Talk about it

8 In pairs. Think about your school rules. Ask and answer the questions.

- Which rules do you agree or disagree with? Why?
- If you were in charge of your school rules, which new rules would you make?
- Which rules would you ban or change? Why?

Extension

9 In pairs. Look at photos A and B and answer the questions.

A

1. Who can you see in the picture?
2. What qualities does an MP need?
3. Why do you think people voted for him?
4. At what age do you think people should be allowed to work as an MP? Why?

B

1. Who can you see in the picture?
2. What qualities does an MYP need?
3. Why do you think people voted for her?
4. At what age do you think people should be allowed to vote? Why?

A  If I were in charge of our school rules, I would let students come to lessons only if they wanted to.
B  I’d make them come! They shouldn’t be allowed to do what they want!