

General Election Card Matching Resource Sheet

House of Commons	The House of Commons where MPs debate issues, policies and proposed laws. They will ask questions of the government and Prime Minister and they will vote on issues here.
Member of Parliament (MP)	The person elected by the local constituents to represent them in the House of Commons.
Prospective Parliamentary Candidate	Someone who is running for election as an MP.
The Government	A group of MPs who decide how the country is run and manage everything from healthcare and education, to decisions about climate change and the UK's role in international development.
Prime Minister	The leader of the party with a majority in the House of Commons who leads the Government and appoints ministers to government departments (eg, Department for Education).
Leader of the Opposition	The leader of the second biggest party in the House of Commons. Their job is to hold the governing party accountable. They have a weekly debate in the House of Commons with the Prime Minister.
Constituency	The local area that an elected MP is accountable to and responsible for representing.
Local Council	The elected organisation responsible for managing public services at a local level. Will make important decisions on things like local parks, bin collections, local transport, etc.
Manifesto	A document that political parties publish before a General Election that outlines their ideas and policies of what they would like to do if they get elected.
Civil Service	This is a group of people who are employed by the government to carry out its policies. They are politically impartial*, and do not associate with one party or another.
Devolved Government	A transfer of power from the central UK Government to the nations of the UK. The governments of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales are devolved.
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	The Government department in charge of the UK's relationship with the rest of the world, including global development.