

THEME: POLITICS

VOCABULARY

WORDS TO LEARN

- 1. BILL** – a draft of a proposed law
Synonym – act; draft law
Antonym- law; settlement
- 2. BLOC** – countries or people with the same aims
Synonym – alliance, association
Antonym – unrest, conflict
- 3. CADRE** – small group within a political organization
Synonym – body; team
Antonym- individual; one
- 4. COALITION** – temporary union of political parties
Synonym – league; confederacy
Antonym- non-compliance; non-conformity
- 5. FACTION** – a group within a larger group
Synonym – clique; caucus
Antonym- alone
- 6. FEDERATION** – forming a union of states
Synonym – association; league
Antonym- sabotage; ungovernability
- 7. INCUMBENT** – an official who holds an office
Synonym – occupant; office-holder
Antonym- optional
- 8. LOBBY** – seek to influence on an issue
Synonym – persuade; sway
Antonym- dissuade; repress
- 9. MANIFESTO** – declaration of policy and aims
Synonym – declaration, proclamation
Antonym- secret; challenge
- 10. REPUBLIC** – a country run by elected people
Synonym – democracy, nation
Antonym- dictatorship; monarchy

EXERCISES

EXERCISE 1

FIND THE SYNONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. REPUBLIC | a) dictatorship | b) sabotage | c) act | d) nation |
| 2. BILL | a) act | b) associate | c) dissuade | d) tax |
| 3. BLOC | a) alliance | b) body | c) declaration | d) clique |
| 4. FACTION | a) caucus | b) nation | c) unrest | d) sway |
| 5. FEDERATION | a) order | b) optional | c) faction | d) league |

EXERCISE 2

FIND THE ANTONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. CADRE | a) body | b) team | c) clique | d) one |
| 2. COALITION | a) non-compliance | b) liberal | c) league | d) free |
| 3. INCUMBENT | a) optional | b) secret | c) persuade | d) law |
| 4. LOBBY | a) duties | b) disarray | c) dissuade | d) league |
| 5. MANIFESTO | a) secret | b) approve | c) occupant | d) alone |

EXERCISE 3

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE APROPRIATE WORDS FROM THE VOCABULARY LIST

1. In his _____, the President mentioned that he will _____ to put music back on the educational curriculum.
2. The centre-right parties have formed a _____ and want to introduce an anti-corruption _____ in the parliament.
3. If the _____ governor dies, the states of the _____ will have an equal amount of power.
4. An unconventional _____ of people stepped up to raise awareness about the virus in the newly formed _____.
5. The group believed that costs should be shared fairly across the _____, but a _____ of people protested.