

Winning Parties at Elections in Britain

Sociology skills

- Analysis of a table

Key skills

- Communication
- Application of number

Stimulus materials

History of voting at general elections since 1945

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>GOVERNMENT</i>
1945	Labour
1950	Labour
1951	Conservative
1955	Conservative
1959	Conservative
1964	Labour
1966	Labour
1970	Conservative
1974 (February)	Labour
1974 (October)	Labour
1979	Conservative
1983	Conservative
1987	Conservative
1992	Conservative
1997	Labour

Understanding the stimulus

1. Which political party is currently in control in Britain?
2. Who is the Prime Minister?
3. Which party forms the opposition?
4. Who leads the opposition party in Parliament?
5. How many elections have been won by Labour?
6. How many elections have been won by the Conservatives?
7. Name a political party in Britain which has not won a government election since WW2 ended.
8. Look at the number of years each party has served. Which party has been in control for most of the second part of the C20th.

Development and Revision

1. Brainstorm as many British prime ministers as you can remember and find out which party each represented. You may need help from a teacher or parent.